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Letter from the Master Councilor

Brethren, we have been really busy lately, and we are getting a lot done. Thanks to all of the cooperation and determination everyone is putting forth the chapter is really thriving. All the things that have happened in our chapter and around the state has kept us all very active and I'm really glad to see you all out and about at all these events. Whether it is hard work or good, clean fun, Del-Val is out there making it happen. This term is turning out to be a great success, and as long as we keep showing each other support I am hoping it will stay that way. We have lots more great things to come and I hope they are each a success and that I will see you all out there! Fraternally, Riley S.



Letter from Dad Marren

Hey guys, Congratulations to Steve and Cody welcome aboard to the Demolay fun. As you guys know we have been busy with a wide variety of activities. Since our last meeting we have been camping, played in the Soccer Tourny, met girls at the sweetheart ball in Burlington and Lodge work day. Rest up guys because May 4th we have the Masonic home visit in the morning and then the Volleyball Tourny right afterwards on the grounds of the Home. As in the past we'll have burgers and hotdogs for lunch. May 11th is the Ultimate Frisbee Tourny with the location to be announced. Don't forget the biggest Demolay event of the year and that is our convention in June. Please get those forms to me ASAP if you are going. On behalf of the Worshipful Master & the Hall trustees they sincerely appreciate all the Demolays who came out for the Lodge work day. Your help in these many tasks was a tremendous assistance to the lodge. Lastly, membership in our chapter has been growing tremendously in the last year, lets keep that fire burning. What better way to enjoy the many Demolay activities than share them with a friend. Dad Marren

Letter from the Senior Councilor

Brethren, Another month down and still no problems to report! Hopefully there won't be any for the remainder of the term either. We didn't do to well with our official sporting events, but our unofficial sports, i.e. ultimate Frisbee, we're awesome. We have had yet another successful social event with our camping trip, and there was even a dance. However, if we are going to keep this level of activity up, I am going to need all of your support with our upcoming fundraiser. Nothing is set in stone yet, but I am very strongly considering a car wash, as it seems the easiest and most profitable. Also, in my personal experience they also offer a high potential for fun as long as a lot of people show up and everyone goes in with a good attitude. Here's hoping we have another successful month in Del-Val chapter. Fraternally, Ian S.

Letter From the Junior Councilor

A few weeks ago Dad Stoneking emailed me about how are chapter is in 1st place for COTY. You don't know how excited I am for our chapter to be in the lead by a lot of points. Also, the camping trip was tons of fun too! I want everyone to remember that Ian and I finished our tent first. Also, what a great game of hide and go seek, I sort of forced everyone to play it. Sean and I were stealthy in that woods, none of you guys could find us. Then the Sweetheart Ball was pretty awesome too. All of Del-Val (including Brian because I forced him) got up on the dance floor and we were shaking. We all saw a lot of people and we even saw "Huggy-Bear." We had a great month with all these fun events, and I can't wait till paintball. Hopefully, I see everyone there! Fraternally, Matt W.

DeVal takes the lead!! DeVal rocketed into first place in the COTY competition in early April when the LCC points were finally awarded. DeVal leads with 7580 points (4000 of which were from LCC's), leading second place Ethan Allen (6070 points) by a healthy margin. But as Dad Marren said – we can not rest now just because we have the lead, but need to continue to press to make sure that we stay in the lead and win COTY at Convention. Now that we are in the lead, the other chapters have a new target to shoot at – DeVal! We have a number of SMC OV's left so there are several visitations coming up (including Tyrean on April 24th), along with our Parents Day observance and fund raising activities. If everyone continues the awesome effort that DeVal DeMolays have shown to date, we can easily win NJ DeMolay Chapter Of The Year in June. Lets do it

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DAD's Den

I want to start off by thanking all the guys who came out for the Masonic lodge work day, and for the camping trip. I think everybody had an awesome time at Bass River, despite the rain. The Sweetheart Ball is only a few hours away as I sit and write this and DeVal has 9 DeMolays plus our Chapter Sweetheart who have said they will be at the dance. The State soccer tournament is tomorrow and we have 10 DeMolays signed up for that. I continue to be very impressed by the turnout by DeVal at all of the various activities. We currently have 19 active members, and 3 more prospects which have already submitted their petition or said they will do so soon, so DeVal's growth is showing no sign of slowing down yet! This is great news because the more active members we have, the more fun it is. Keep up the great work!
 Dad Stoneking

Convention 2008
June 13-15, 2008
Wildwood, NJ

May Calendar

05/04 Masonic Home Visit & Volleyball 8:30AM
 Burlington, NJ
 05/10 Ultimate Frisbee 10:00AM
 Tall Cedars Grove, Crosswicks, NJ
 05/11 Masonic Home Wheelchair Push
 Burlington, NJ
 05/13 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM
 Parents Day (Obligatory Day)
 05/17 NJ DeMolay Ritual Tournament 9:00AM
 Crescent Shrine, Westampton, NJ
 05/24 DeVal Paintball TBA
 05/27 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM
 Advisory Council Mtg.) 6:30pm
 06/01 Softball TBA
 Burlington Twp, NJ

Tyrean Chapter Installation

On March 30th five guys from Del-Val, Eric B., Brian V., Ian S., Riley S., and Clayton S. went to Tyrean chapter's installation. Chad L. was installed as MC Devon M. was installed as SC and Glen C. was installed as JC. Dad Golway and his installing team did a great job with ritual and Dad C. did an excellent Ceremony of Light. Afterward there were refreshments and a good time was had by all. By Clayton S.



Tyreon Ritual Evaluation

On March 27 Tyreon had their ritual evaluation. Clayton, Riley, and Ian Stoneking, along with myself were in attendance. It was a very good ritual. I think we all learned something we could do to make our ritual even better. Afterwards we were served Papa John's pizza. I am sure we all had a good time. By Brian V.

Camping Trip

Last week's trip was a lot of fun. We had about 10-15 of our members come out that day. The trip was pretty long but was pretty funny with what Matt did with the walkie-talkies in Dad Stoneking's car. When we got there the rain made it kind of hard to setup the tent though. After that we hunted for firewood and tried to start a fire (with no success). While we waited for the fire, we played Ultimate Frisbee. Sean, one of our newest members, was really good and got some amazing scores. Soon, the fire was quickly put out by more rain. We still played in the rain which was really fun. When it got dark we told some scary stories and then most of us went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast, set up another fire, and played more Ultimate Frisbee. After that, we packed up and went home. By Nick W.

Amico Island Park Cleanup

On Saturday April 5, Del-Val attended the Amico Island Park clean up. We had a total of 5 brothers, 2 advisors, Mr. Jackson, my mom & little brother. We helped register people and then guided them on different trails. We collected a lot of trash and made a big difference. Everyone had a good time. Hopefully Del-Val will be attending the earth day to show our support, and helping the earth become a better place. By, Steven F.



The Representative DeMolay Award was created by DeMolay Founder, "Dad" Frank S. Land, to encourage all members of DeMolay to evaluate and develop a well-rounded life that is characterized by the practice of the virtues and values of the Order. To this day, the Representative is the highest award for self-achievement that can be earned by an Active DeMolay.

Soccer Tournament

This past Monday, April 20th, was the state soccer tourney. There were 6 teams including Del-Val. Out of our 5 games our record was 0 wins, 2 ties and a disappointing 3 loses. Our team included Eric B., Steve F., Brian J., Chris L., Clayton S., Riley S., & Ian S., Nick W., & me. We all played hard and had much fun. By Dad Stoneking's calculations we finished last with Clifton, Capital, and Moorestown taking the top 3 spots. Next year I think we all would hope to see a better finishing spot. We might not have won but we definitely had the best entrances on to the court. All in all a good time was had by all. By, Brian V.

From Our Sweetheart

Hi everybody! Thanks so much for electing me chapter sweetheart. I'm going to try my hardest to be the BEST chapter sweetheart that Del Val has ever had!! I'm totally excited for all the fun events that Del Val has planned for this term. My brother, Matt, will keep me updated about everything going on so I'll be sure to come to each event that I can. I had a lot of fun at sweetheart dance and all you boys looked super hot!! Especially you guys on the dance floor, which was most of you. Hopefully I'll see all of you at the next meeting so, be there!!! Respectfully Submitted, Andrea W.

Lodge Work Day

On Saturday April 12, 2008 we had the lodge spring clean up. When I showed up the clean up was already underway. We started cleaning up the logs and branches that were cut down by the Masons. We had a nice turnout Cody F, Steve F, Sean, Matt W, Brian J, Jim F, The Stoneking Clan Riley, Ian and Clay. Riley went around with the leaf blower strapped to his back. We started by splitting into groups, half of us went to rake and the other half loaded and unloaded the truck with sticks, branches, and logs. Even Mom DiPaula pitched in and started to sweep. After all the work was done all of us were a mess from sap, water from the logs or just plain dirt but it's a good thing that it rained the instant we finished. The rain didn't really clean us but it was fun and we all had great time, and the lodge looked awesome!

By Brian J.



Who Warned The Colonists At Lexington and Concord?

The lines of poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow commemorate Paul Revere's famous ride from Boston to what is now Chelmsford. Paul Revere, a Boston silversmith, had heard that the British were to land in Boston that night. Therefore, Revere, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott rode through the country side, to warn the colonial militia an alert to them, about the British' Plan. Paul Revere was a well-known silversmith in Boston. Revere became involved with the Sons of Liberty early in the Political turmoil of before the Revolution. Although he was just a messenger, Revere served on many important groups and committees. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, which ran many important exchanges between colonies. Revere was known for being especially Anti-British in sentiment. William Dawes was Revere's accomplice on his famous ride. Patriot leader Dr. Joseph Warren sent Dawes, to warn the people at Lexington. Warren sent Dawes first and then Revere to accomplish this very important mission. William Dawes arrived in Lexington shortly after 12:30AM on the 19th, about a half an hour after Revere. The two men left for Concord at about 1:00AM Samuel Prescott joined them as they were leaving. The British soon captured the three men, but Dawes and Prescott escaped. In the process of escaping, Dawes was thrown from his horse. The horse then ran away. Dawes was forced to walk back to Lexington. Prescott rode on to Concord. April 16, 1776, saw Paul Revere riding to Lexington to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams. General Thomas Gage, the British Military Governor of Massachusetts had put a warrant up for the arrest of Hancock & Adams. Gage also had plans to confiscate the arms stored at Concord. It was on this date that Revere arranged to signal Patriots if the British moved by land or sea. Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Samuel Prescott rode together, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Warren, to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock about the approaching British. In addition to warning Adams & Hancock, these brave men alerted the town people as well. Of the three men only Prescott made it to Concord. It is due to these men that our militia was ready for the British troops, when they marched into Lexington and on to Concord. By Dad LaBaw



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Sweetheart Ball

We all know dances are fun. They have music, food, friends and Rainbows. The Sweetheart Ball was no exception. The dance was on April 19th at Fellowship Hall. When all the chapter Sweethearts were announced, they were escorted by the ranking member of their Chapter. No couple looked better than our very own master councilor Riley and our sweetheart Andrea. It would have looked a little better if it was Me and Andrea, but Riley is the Master Councilor. For all of you who are dance challenged, I will soon be opening my own dance school. Classes will be filling up quickly, so act soon. By Chris L.

Crystal Lake Park Cleanup

The Saturday Park clean-up began, on a cold Saturday morning. We had just about everyone in the chapter joined us for the clean up. First we started by signing in & getting our gear. Then we followed a park ranger into the woods. By the time we started entering the woods everyone was picking up garbage. As we traveled through the woods our bags started to fill fast. Everyone was picking up garbage like it was gold or money. Demolays and Dads did just about anything to get a piece of trash. As the sun began to rise less Demolays complained about the cold. The worst part of the clean-up was at the end, where somebody dumped a truck load of garbage and hazardous material. After we were finished everyone went for refreshments and relaxed. So after all I think the clean-up turned out to be a great idea. I hope everyone had a great and fun time. Fraternaly, James F.