

# Delaware Valley Chapter

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## Letter from Dad Marren

Hi Guys, Congratulations to all the members who were installed last week at our installation. From now until June there are a lot of activities on the DeMolay calendar so lets get out there and have a blast. Its good to see our 2 new members Brian and Ryan out at a lot of activities. As the Chapter DAD I see the enthusiasm growing stronger in our chapter. Keep it up because fun is contagious. March 15th is Grand Masters Class in Burlington, what better way to enjoy your DeMolay fun than share it with a friend. If Del-Val could go to GMC with 3 or 4 new members that would put our chapter on the honor roll early in the year. There's a lot on the new term plan so I'll see you guys out there.

Fraternally, Dad Marren

## Letter from the Master Councilor

Brethren, now that I am Master Councilor of our great chapter, I will do everything I can to help us grow and develop even more. I am very excited to be following Chris' great term and I hope everyone will enjoy mine equally as much. I would also like to extend great thanks to everyone in the chapter for electing me this term and showing their support for my plans. Our visit to Horner was the first thing I planned and it came up so soon after the installation. Everyone still came out to have fun and show dedication. I really hope to see this continue in the future so that everyone can benefit from what I believe will be another great term. Fraternaly, Riley S.

## Letter from the Senior Councilor

Dear Brethren, Thank you for electing me as the new Senior Councilor, What an awesome installation. Thanks for all of you coming out. I am looking forward to serving the chapter. I know the master councilor has a great term plan for us, and I hope everyone stays active. To support our quest for COTY, I am going to try to put together a couple of fund raisers by the end of may. So if anybody has any good ideas for a fundraiser, let me know! Fraternaly Yours, Ian S.

## Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey guys, I must say what an honor it is to be the Junior Councilor of Del-Val. I think we are going to have a great term. I know Riley has some awesome things planned for us throughout his term. Since it is the Junior Councilor's Job to be the head of membership recruitment I will truly strive to get in as many new members as I can. Already I am

working on a few prospects to bring into the chapter. Remember guys, if you ever need a ride or need help with anything, I will do my best to assist you.

Fraternaly, Matthew W.



The COTY race continues to be tight, with DeVal still in 3<sup>rd</sup> place as of Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2000 points behind Tyrean (2900) and Ethan Allen (3710). We are going to have to really work hard to catch Ethan Allen, and I'm seeing real enthusiasm from several DeVal members to win COTY. I want to congratulate Matt, Brian, and Clayton for having just completed all 5 LCC's online at the NJ DeMolay web site. That's 1800 COTY points for us! If you have **not** yet earned your Lamp of Knowledge by completing all 5 LCC's **now is the time**. Other ways for us to earn points is Masonic Service, Community Service, and the NJ Ritual tournament in May. So start thinking about how you can help DeVal be Chapter of the Year! Fraternally Dad Stoneking

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### Winterfest Dance

On Saturday at Winterfest was the usual dance. The music was loud, the strobe lights were flashin and the girls were dancin everything a good dance should have. I was showing off my robot skills and that awesome dance I made up (if you haven't seen it ask me to show you). When I was on one of my dance breaks a member of Medford Chapter made me a challenge. It was a staring contest and I couldn't refuse. After 1.5

hours, I gave up. I DID NOT LOSE. The eats this year were different than past years, but still edible. Since the dance was at the new Crescent Shrine building, the dance floor took some getting used to. But we figured it out and had a great time. By Chris L.

### Installation of Officers

On Saturday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, DeVal Chapter held their installation of officers. Riley S. was installed as MC, Ian S. was installed as SC and Matt W. was installed as JC. The installing team was made up of the state officers lead by SMC Andrew Strucek. They did an outstanding job as always. Appointed officers were brothers Brian V. as SD Nick G. as JD, Clayton S. as SS, Steven F. as Chaplain and PMC Eric B. as Scribe. Also appointed but not present were brothers, Nick S. as JS, James F. as Marshal, and Ryan S. as Std Bearer. DeVal would like to thank all the special guests who attended and especially to Mrs. Stoneking for providing an excellent spread of food afterwards. We look forward to an exciting fun filled term.

By Br Steven F., Chaplain

### DAD's Den

Wow, 3 excellent events since last month's newsletter. Winterfest, MoTown Sweetheart Ball, and the FW Horner SMCOV. The members of DeVal have really shown their commitment to DeMolay by having excellent turnout at these events. We had 9 DeMolays at Winterfest (where we dominated in the accumulation of DeMolay Dollars and on the Dance Floor!), 4 members at the MoTown Sweetheart ball, and 10 members at the FWH SMCOV. My personal thanks to you all for participating in these events - getting involved is the key to making our Chapter a success and with the commitment you guys are showing DeVal has great things ahead. We also had our installation of officer and had an excellent turnout, including the WM of Beverly-Riverside Lodge, Steve Devenny, and the Past Master of the Lodge, Marcus Carroll. What an honor to have them in attendance. My congratulations to all the newly elected/appointed officers, and to PMC Chris L. for an excellent term. Keep up the great work guys and there will be no stopping DeVal! DAD Stoneking

**M** 11 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM  
Youth Protection Video  
**A** 15 Grand Masters Class (Formal) 9:00AM  
Burlington, NJ  
**R** 16 Devotional Day (Obligatory Day) 8:30AM  
Masonic Home Chapel  
**C** 21 DeVal Fun Night/Pizza Party 6:00PM  
**H** 25 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM  
Advisory Council Meeting 6:30PM  
29 DeMolay Fun Day 1:00PM  
East Hanover, NJ

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Delaware Valley Chapter, I hope you all had a wonderful time at Winterfest and every other event that you all attended. I do not think I could be more proud to say that I came from Del Val. You all have improved so much over the past six or seven months in your ritual, your attendance, and your general DeMolayness. I am also excited for Riley's term and am very glad that Chris had an excellent one. I can see this chapter becoming Chapter of the Year and growing till you have to burst. Your presence at FWH chapter was overwhelming and the rate at which we are improving in exponential. I would also like to let you all know that I have, in the works, a treasure hunt for our district. The prize is a super duper secret, but I am sure that all of you will enjoy it.

In Friendship, In Fraternity Brother Eric B. D3MC NJ

**Do you have something to put in the Chapter Newsletter  
Send it in to Chris LaBaw and see your name in print**

### Chapter Masonic Home Visit

On Sunday January 27th the Chapter went to Masonic Home to help wheelchair bound residents to church services. We didn't have a big turnout, just me, Riley and Ian. But the residents and Pastor Ron were glad to see us. There were a lot of masons there that day, so we didn't have to work too hard. We call it the "wheelchair push", which doesn't sound that nice. I guess we need to come up with a nicer name. By Chris L.

### Winter-fest Casino Night

On Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> we arrived at the Days Inn, in Bordentown for Winter-fest. After getting situated in our rooms we then headed out to the Scottish Right building. There we had an event called Casino Night. In the main room there were some board games such as risk and life. Ian Stoneking did very well at those. There were also multiple blackjack, and poker tables. The poker tables were divided in three levels of skill, beginner, intermediate, and expert. We were all given 500 DeMolay dollars in which we could bet anyway we'd like. Some of the notable players were Dad Stoneking and Riley S. at blackjack, and Matt W. and myself at poker. There were also many video games. They were spread out in a different room, and two were on projectors. Rock Band, Halo 3, and Wii sports were played. By the end out the night Del Val walked away with a lot of DeMolay dollars and an awesome time. By, Brian V.

### Franklin W. Horner SMC OV

On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2008, Del-Val Chapter attended an SMC-OV at the Franklin W. Horner Chapter. I went with Mom DePaula, Matt, Brian, and Steve. We got lost in the beginning, but we found our way to the Lodge, where the SMC-OV was going to take place. It was a lot of fun. When we arrived, there were many chapters in attendance. Del-Val Chapter was well represented. Before the meeting, some of us from Del-Val had to fill in for some of the chairs. Chris L. sat in as Marshall, Clayton and Brian sat in as Stewards. I was impressed by the size of their chapter room. They even had a second level. During recess, the State Officers informed us about their programs and the State Officers challenged Riley to recite the Examination Queries: both Initiatory and DeMolay Degree. After the meeting, we had a big dinner sponsored by the FWH chapter. This was my first visitation and a good time was had by all.

By Nick G., Junior Deacon



### Founders Membership Award

This award is granted to a DeMolay who is the first line signer on his first five membership petition

The classes at Winterfest were a lot of fun. I attended DeMolay history with Dr. Strucek which was all about the history of our great organization and about Jacques DeMolay. Another Class was Balloting, Committees, and Voting OH MY! In this class the DMC's taught us about parliamentary procedure and how to vote and form committees. It was a very interesting class. Next there was Elevator speeches with Brother James Chawlyk. In this class we learn to answer the question, what is DeMolay? It was a very useful class it taught us to use why we joined DeMolay and what keeps us in it to make a thirty second speech to help describe our organization. Last, but certainly not least was Chris's tips for success, with Brother Chris Bonelli. In this class we learned about different etiquette you will need to interact with others and not make a fool of yourself. We learned how to talk to women, how to eat at a fancy restaurant, and how to interact with people who you have just met. All the classes at Winterfest were enjoyable and informative and everyone had a good time. By Clayton S.

### Mo-town SMC OV

Last month, on January 27<sup>th</sup>, after our chapter Masonic home wheelchair push, a couple of Del-Val DeMolays attended the Mo-Town SMC OV. Their new Master Councilor, Frank C., Did a great opening for the chapter. Andrew and his state line once again did a great presentation on the State programs. Many laughed and enjoyed the night, and it ended just as every DeMolay function should, Refreshments! Which included more of Mo-Town's delicious nuggets and Chex Mix!

By Riley S.

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### State Basketball

Last Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> the state held a b-ball tournament. There were quite a few chapters participating, such as Capital, Clifton, Trinity, Mo-town, etc. some of which had to join forces. Of course we also participated, and from Del-Val we had 6 players, Chris, Matt, Steve, Bobby, Eric, and myself. Matt also brought along one prospect, Mark, who the state so graciously allowed to participate (against regulations!) It was not such a bad turn out and with coaching from DAD Flynn we worked together to take third place! We could not have done it without all the points from Chris, Matt, Bobby, and especially Steve's MVP, 3 point shot. Eric and I were not able to score points but we both put in a great effort and we couldn't have done it without the great defense and speed Eric contributed. It was a great day and we did great as a team but I still hope to get a few more guys out the next time around.

By Riley S.

### Who was the model for the Statue of Liberty?

For the noble and maternal face of the statue that would come to symbolize America, sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi turned to his mother. The statue, which was called "Liberty Enlightening the World," was given by France to America on its 100th birthday. The famous lines on the base of the Statue of Liberty come from the end of Emma Lazarus's poem, "The New Colossus." Here's the full poem:

#### The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow's world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

