

# Delaware Valley Chapter

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## Letter from Dad Stoneking

Congratulations all around! To our outgoing MC for his successful term. To our new MC, SC, and JC. To Mom DiPaula for putting on a really excellent Installation dinner! And to all of DeVal for your dedication and participation. Much has happened this past month, and there is lots going on over the next few months, but before I talk about that I want to pass along the appreciation from the Worshipful Master of Beverly-Riverside lodge for the DeMolay Degree exemplification that DeVal members performed on February 19th. The DeMolays did an excellent job and the Masons were very impressed and I received many positive comments from them afterward. GREAT JOB! I hope everyone had a great time at Winterfest, I sure did. Convention is coming soon—start saving your pennies and buttering up your parents! I have the forms so let me know if you need them. I hope everyone has the 28th marked on their calendar for our DeVal movie night—we did this during Chris' term and it was great fun. Also, Basketball is coming up soon and DeVal is looking to improve on our 3rd place finish from last year! I hope everyone is looking forward to Matt's term as much as I am—it is gonna be fun!

Fraternally, Dad Stoneking

## Letter from the Master Councilor

Brethern, First, I must say what an honor it is to be elected the Master Councilor of the best chapter in the state! I have such a fun and busy term plan planned for us! From River-tubing to dodgeball (Nick W. suggested that) to paintball, we are going to have a blast! Also for my officers that I appointed, I selected all of you for your particular position because I feel that you will do excellent in that chair. And for those that don't "like" there positions, I'm sorry but I have to give everyone a fair chance to be part of the chapter ceremonies. Next term though, I'm sure you'll have a good position. Anyway, our first fun event is Feb. 28 which is a Saturday, it'll be movie night! So were at a quick start already!

Fraternally, Matt W.

## Letter from the Senior Councilor

Hey everyone. First off I'd like to thank you all for allowing me to become your senior councilor. I believe we will have a really great term. For our new term I want to expand our ability to fundraise. I feel that we can easily make profit on any fundraiser. This money can go to lowering the cost of certain events we would like to attend and also for buying things the chapter would like. On a side note coming up is our ritual evaluation. This is something we need to pass. Also another upcoming event is the state ritual tournament. I hope to see us do chapter pro, I really think we can win. I want to encourage you all to independently learn a piece of ritual. It can only help you and also you just might win in your category.

Fraternally, Brian V.

## Letter From the Junior Councilor

My Brothers, with each passing term comes a new time and new opportunities for our chapter to grow and learn. With this, I am deeply grateful that you have chosen me to be your Junior Councilor for this term. Our term shall be an ambitious one and we will no doubt be able to follow the great tradition of success that we have set up for ourselves. March 14<sup>th</sup> is the day of the Grand Masters Class at Trenton Masonic Temple. Everyone who is going needs to be there before nine o'clock. Any and all potential candidates must be signed up by February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride or directions just contact me or any of the other Councilors.

Fraternally, Sean M.



## Winterfest Dance

On Saturday, February 7, 15 members of Delaware Valley participated in Winterfest, and this includes the Winterfest dance. We left the hotel at 7:30 and immediately I could tell that it would be a dance that would be hard to forget. The music choices were great the DJ knew how to get everybody on the dance floor. Even if you didn't want to dance, you had a good time at the snack table, sitting at a table listening to the music, or participating for the Great DeMolay Dollar Scavenge. I'm sure that all of us had been looking forward to Winterfest in the past, we had a great time in the present, and we are all looking forward to it in the future. –Cody F.

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## February-March Calendar

02/24	OV Worthy Grand Matron OES	7:30PM
	Medford Chapter	
	Medford, NJ	
02/28	Del-Val Movie Night	TBA
03/01	State Basketball	1:00PM
	Collingswood HS	
	Collingswood, NJ	
03/03	Advisory Council Meeting	6:00PM
	Riverside, NJ	
03/06	Del-Val Prospect Party	7:00PM
	Riverside, NJ	
03/07	Second DeMolay Congress	9:00AM
	Central Valley AASR	
	Bordentown, NJ	
03/10	Regular Meeting (Formal)	7:30PM
	Ritual Evaluation	
03/14	Grand Master's Class (Formal)	9:00AM
	Trenton Historic Masonic Temple	
	Trenton, NJ	
03/15	Devotional Day	Obligatory Day
		TBA
03/21	NJ DeMolay Ritual Tournament	TBA
03/24	Regular Meeting (Casual)	7:30PM
	Patriots Day Obligatory Day	
	Riverside, NJ	

## Sweets from Our Sweetheart

Hi everybody! Thanks to everyone who came to Matt's Installation and I must say it was a great one!!! I think everything went well and everyone had a great time. And congrats to everyone who got there RD's!! I hope you're all looking forward to Matt's term and I'm sure it will be awesome. See you soon!!

Love, Andrea W.

## Delaware Valley Installation

Brethern, I hoped every one like the installation. I gotta say all of you guys looked real sharp. There were a lot of people there, mainly my family from all over the Tri-state area. It was great to see so many people getting their RD's. My mom had a really good speech. She spoke about how proud she was of me and all the rest of the officers. The Grand Tall Cedar even said that he wanted to have a dual function just with our chapter. Following the installation was a great dinner that I didn't even get to taste because I had to talk to soo many people. Overall, I think everyone had a great time and the food was great. Thank you Mom DiPaula for such a great dinner and thank you for everyone's attendance. Fraternally, Matt W.



## First Annual NJ DeMolay Table Chapter

Social hour started at 5:30 and the Roast of Andy Auerbach began at 6:30. The Roast was modeled after a Table Lodge Ritual, where we would toast between each dinner course. During each meal a state officer or advisor would speak and mock Andy Auerbach. The evening was entertaining and everyone had an excellent time. Between each meal we made a toast "Birch Beer". At the end of night two ladies won the 50/50 and Andy received his Blue Honor Key. At around 10:00 the Roast ended and everyone headed home. By James F.

### DeMolay Degree Performance

On the third Thursday of February a few of the members from our chapter participated in the DeMolay Degree. We performed in front of the masons at their meeting. I would like to say great job to Ian, Eric, Clay, Sean, Nick, and Brian J., they each had speaking parts. They memorized their lines very well. I believe the Masons were very impressed. It was a good opportunity to learn some ritual and also get some points towards a merit bar. By Brian V.

### Winterfest Casino Night

Casino night at Winterfest was really fun and had a lot to do. You could just play games, make money, or just eat. I met a lot of new people that I had spent time with playing rock band, Smash bros. ect. I learned how to play new games while also playing games I haven't played in a long time. The food there was also really good. I made a lot of money that day along with everyone else. I think everyone had a good time and I can't wait until next year. Until then, I have a great story to tell new guys about Winterfest. By Nick W.



### Winterfest Classes

This February, Del Val DeMolay took part in Winterfest. Winterfest is an event where all different chapters of New Jersey DeMolay get together to have fun and attend classes. I attended four different classes. The first one I went to was How to be a JO. This class taught us the steps on how to become a JO. Another class I attended was the Communication class. This class explained how to get in contact with the chapter councilors and advisers. The third one I went to was an event planning class. This class showed me what to do if I need to plan an event. The last class was on Time Management. I learned how to manage my daily schedule. All of these classes were cool and informative.

By Joe Z.



The **Hats Off Award** is an honor intended for presentation to anyone rendering outstanding or conspicuous service to a Chapter. This service may be in any field related to Chapter activities. It consists of a lapel pin, a card and a certificate. Chapters may give as many as they wish and are the sole judges of who receives them.

## Who Was Ethan Allen, who the DeMolay Chapter in Ridgewood is named after ?



In the spring of 1775, following the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold led a raid to capture Fort Ticonderoga. The relative roles of Allen and Arnold are not entirely clear. Nor is it clear to what extent the campaign was formulated by the strongly anti-British faction in Connecticut (led by Benedict Arnold) or to what extent it was the idea of the Green Mountain Boys headquartered at the Catamount Tavern in Bennington (Ethan Allen's command). What is clear is that the rebels moved north, managed to get a few dozen men across Lake Champlain (they had considerable trouble finding a boat and the one they found was quite small). In a dawn attack, as the other British soldiers appeared they were quickly subdued. Ethan Allen went directly to Captain Delaplace's quarters and ordered for the captain to "Deliver this fort instantly!" After Delaplace asked "By what authority?" Ethan Allen raised his sword and replied "In the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" Delaplace ordered for his men to lay down their weapons and the fort was taken without the loss of a single life.

Ticonderoga was taken from the small British garrison that held it and who were apparently not aware that the war had started. Allen/Arnold's rebels also quickly captured forts at Crown Point, Fort Ann on Isle La Motte near the present Canadian border, and (temporarily) the town of St John (now Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec). The huge stores of cannon and powder seized at Ticonderoga allowed the American rebels to break the stalemate at the siege of Boston, which caused the British to evacuate the city in March 1776. By Dad LaBaw

## Voice of the State Master Councilor



February has come and gone, but it brought us another great month to be DeMolays. Ian finished up a GREAT term. Congrats buddy. Now its time for Matt to stand up and shine. Matt has got a awesome term planned. I'm looking forward to as many DeMolays as possible to come out and enjoy. Frank C. finished up a great term down in Mo-town too. Mike P. has some big shoes to fill, but I'm sure he's up to the challenge. Other than the two best chapters in the jurisdiction, the State had some great things in February and even better things to look forward to in March. We had Winterfest, which always is great. From the casino night, to the classes, to the dance. Always good. The first ever State Table Chapter, with a roast of our SMC which was a hoot. VIVAT VIVAT VIVAT March starts off with Basketball. Del-Val is going to kick some serious butt, with our big men, Brian J., Jim F. and Nick W. Grand Masters Class at the Trenton Temple is coming. Wait until you guys see this place. Maybe we can get someone from Capital to give us a tour. The second DeMolay Congress is coming up, if you thought the first one was good, wait until you get to this one. For all of the Del-Val guys that are ritual junkies, we are having the State Ritual Tournament. All this stuff to do and its only March. See you around. Maybe at Del-Val, maybe at Mo-town, maybe I'll see you somewhere else in the state enjoying DeMolay. Hey, why don't you come out and enjoy it with me.

Yours in Brotherhood, Chris L. State Senior Steward