

Delaware Valley Chapter

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Letter from Dad Stoneking

Greetings DeVal DeMolays. As I write this Winterfest is just around the corner and I am looking forward to another great weekend of fun, food, and DeMolay brotherhood. We have 13 DeMolays attending this year and I am sure it is going to be a lot of fun. For those not attending Winterfest be aware that there is a Dance on Saturday February 7th that everyone can attend - so come out and dance, eat, and enjoy another great dance. As Ian's term as MC wraps up and we look toward Matt's term I am very excited about what Matt has planned. I have seen his proposed term plan and it is very ambitious and should be a lot of fun. As always I want to congratulate, and thank, the members of DeVal for their continued enthusiasm and participation in Chapter and State events - you guys continue to make DeVal the best Chapter in NJ DeMolay!

Fraternally, Dad Stoneking

Letter from the Master Councilor

Brethren, I can't believe my term as master councilor is almost over. I must say I am a bit relieved, but also a bit sad. I enjoyed leading you, and working with you guys to make this chapter a successful one. I know some of my ideas did not fall into place as I had planned, but my hope is that future Master Councilors will be able to learn from my mistakes. I hope you all support our next Master Councilor as well, if not more than, you have supported me. And so, with my eyes on the setting sun (setting on my term, that is) I happily await what will happen in this chapter in the future. Fraternaly, Ian S.

Letter from the Senior Councilor

Brethern, it has truly been an honor to serve as Senior Councilor. All of you guys have been great active members. This chapter would be nothing without the time and dedication you guys put into DeMolay. As some of you may know, I am running for Master Councilor. I have finished my term plan and most of the dates are set. I tried to the best of my ability to get all the suggested events that you guys wanted into my term plan. I think you guys will love it if I get elected. Lastly, I would just like to wish good luck to all that are running for a Councilor position. Fraternaly, Matt W.

Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey everyone, I don't have much to say, besides good job with membership. At our last meeting two petitions were read for Nick B. and John M. I hope to see you two out at our next meeting, and maybe we can get your initiatory degrees done. On a side note, every morning I see an ad in the newspaper an ad about the Masonic Home seeking volunteers. Not only is it easy work but it is good for a resume. Also this is a great way to help you get a Masonic Service merit bar. Keep up the good work, and see you all at Winterfest. Fraternaly, Brian V.



COTY Update

As of January 3, 2009, the State COTY board has Del-Val in in second place, behind Ethan Allen Chapter, with Tyrian Chapter nipping at our heels in third. Remembering back to Convention 2008, Ethan Allen finished a close second place for COTY. Tyrian is always strong, Capital wants to show everyone that their 3-peat was not a mistake, Clifton has been hovering around the top for quite a few years. We're doing good but we need to keep that DeMolay spirit going in this second half. Del-Val got behind Ian and he had a great term. Lets all get behind Matt for another great term.

Ping-Pong Table

For the past couple of months many of us DeMolays have expressed an interest in purchasing a ping-pong table. I have done some research and have found numerous tables. The best deal that has been offered is from the sporting good stores. The stores that only sell tables generally have to raise their prices because those are the only items they sell. At Dick's Sporting Goods I have seen a table on their website that looks like it is a quality table. You can see for yourself at the website. The table is called the Stiga ST3000 and it is \$250. Are we still interested in the table? Do we need to have a fund-raiser? Fraternally, Brian V.

Sweets from Our Sweetheart

Hi everyone! Ian's term is coming to an end and I must say it was an awesome term! Everything was a lot of fun. It's been great being your sweetheart for another term. I wish all the guys luck with their new offices, especially those who are going to be counselors. Hopefully everyone is going to Winterfest because it's a great time and you don't want to miss out. See you there!
Love, Andrea W.

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February Calendar

02/06-08 Winterfest	6:00PM
Bordentown, NJ	
02/10 Regular Meeting (Casual)	7:30PM
Patriots Day Obligatory Day	
Riverside, NJ	
02/15 Del-Val Installation of Officers	2:00PM
Riverside, NJ	
02/19 Ritual Demonstration	7:30PM
Beverly-Riverside Lodge	
Riverside, NJ	
02/21 State Table Chapter	5:30PM
Crescent Shrine	
Westampton, NJ	
02/24 OV Worthy Grand Matron OES	7:30PM
Medford Chapter	
Medford, NJ	
03/01 State Basketball	1:00PM
Collingswood HS	
Collingswood, NJ	

Ho Ho Ho Chapter Christmas Party

It was a cold December 23rd. At around 7:00, we started our Christmas party. A handful of DeMolays showed up. There were all sorts of sweets and drinks. The party started off by eating and talking. After we finished eating we did a gift exchange; it seemed that every DeMolay was satisfied with what they picked. When we finished up with our gifts we headed outside for Christmas Caroling around the block. Finally we arrived back to the lodge and helped clean up. I hope everyone had a great time.
Fraternally, James F.



State DeMolay Bowling

Hello my fellow DeMolay's. I would like to tell you just a little bit about what happened at DeMolay bowling not to long ago. Luckily we had Dylan F. and Ben F. who were kind of our aces in the hole both of which are on varsity at Lenape high school and they both bowled around 185 average. Next was me with about 160 and Riley S. and Sean M. with about a 130 average. I can only really talk about the people bowling on my lane but we were lucky enough to have four full lanes of bowlers. We had a lot of fun. We had a very good team of people bowl fairly often and there were very few other teams with serious bowlers and I think it is pretty safe to say we took first at this event and I couldn't be happier about it. I thank everybody for going and we did well so lets hope we get that trophy at convention. Fraternally, Mark F.

Medford & Mo-town Installation

January was the month for 2 installations at nearby Chapters, Both beginning with M and both on the same weekend. Medford had their installation on Friday the 23rd with Eric M. installed as MC, and Mo-town had their installation on Sunday the 25th with Mike P. installed as MC. Del-Val had 6 DeMolays (Riley, Clayton, Brian J., Nick W., Matt and Sean) at Medford and 3 DeMolays (Ian, Clayton and Riley) at Mo-town. Good luck to both MC's and their Chapters on their upcoming terms.

By Chris L.

Prospect Party at Del-Val

A little over a month ago Del-Val had its prospect party. We had most of our chapter show up. Joining our members at the party were many new faces. We had nearly 10 prospects and a few girls there too. There was lots of great food and I want to thank everyone and their parents for bringing in something. The event was a great time. There was videogames, poker, and many board games. Del-Val was even fortunate enough to have the state officers come. Thank you and good job to everyone for bringing in prospects, let's just complete the last step and get them in.

Fraternally, Brian V.

Membership

Without new members DeMolay as we know it will fade away. You can earn great awards by helping our fraternity grow.

- 1 new member — #1 Pin
- 3 new members — White Petitions Merit Bar
- 5 new members — Founders Membership Award
- 6 new members — Red Petitions Merit Bar
- 9 new members — Blue Petitions Merit Bar
- 10 new members — Blue Honor Key
- 12 new members — Purple Petitions Merit Bar
- 15 new members — Gold Petitions Merit Bar

Some DeMolays will earn their Gold Merit Bar, most will not.

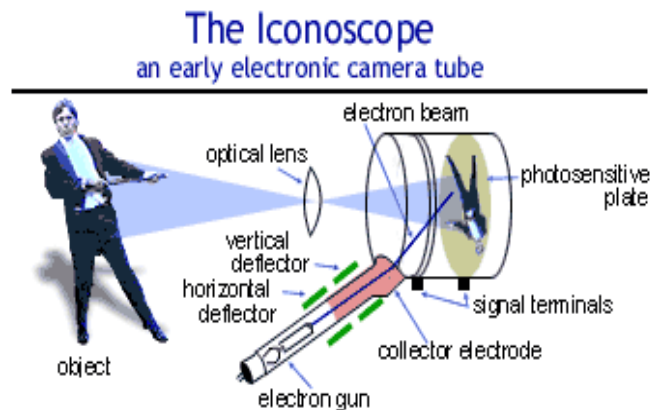
But every DeMolay should try to bring in at least two new members, one to replace himself when he turns 21 and one to make our order grow.



Who Was the Emmy, That the Emmy Award is Named After?

Not who, but what? Unlike the premier theater (Tony) and movie (Oscar) awards, the Emmy isn't named after a person. In 1948, the president of the budding National Academy of Television Arts, Charles Brown, formed a committee to select the outstanding achievements in television that year. He also asked for suggestions for a name and symbol for the award. From the start, technological terms were the top contenders. "Iconoscope" (a large orthicon tube) was an early favorite, but the committee was afraid the name would be shortened to "Ike", "Tilly" (for television) was suggested, but cooler heads prevailed. Harry Lubcke, A premiere television engineer and future president of the academy (1949-1950) offered "Emmy", a nickname for the image orthicon tube (state of the art circuitry at that time), and it prevailed. The statue itself was designed by Louis McManus, who received a gold lifetime membership in the academy and one of the six statuettes presented at the first Emmy Awards banquet on January 25, 1948. As McManus went up to receive his award, he is reputed to have been told, "Louis, here she is ...our baby. She'll be here long after we are gone." Indeed, long after the image orthicon tube was gone.

By Dad LaBaw



Voice of the State Master Councilor



December-January was another great time to be a DeMolay. Not just for Del-Val but for the other chapters around us. Capital helped the 15th Masonic District serve hot lunches to the colonial re-enactors during Patriots Week. John W. from Mo-town was in uniform beating his drum for the militia. Mo-town (during Frank C.'s term) collected for a Search Rescue Foundation. The founder and her dog gave a great demo. Del-Val had a great Game Night/Prospect Party. We had about 10 prospects and several petitions out of it. Great job Ian. On the State side we had Fall Ball and State Bowling. Both events were well attended and a great time. This past Saturday we had the 2009 Charity Dinner. There weren't many "southern DeMolays" there, but the dinner was great and we made enough to give the 32nd Degree Learning Centers a nice check. To the outgoing MC's at Medford and Mo-town, GREAT JOB. To the incoming MC's (and officers) good luck and if you need any help, just ask. Oh my God, Winterfest is coming and is going to be a great weekend and the Table Chapter that we are having (and ROAST) is going to be awesome. Remember February is when we have our Patriots Day Observance. There are trivia questions in the February State Review. Answer them and earn points for your chapter. See you at the next meeting. I will be sitting next to Waldo.

Yours in Brotherhood, Chris L. State Senior Steward