

# Delaware Valley Chapter

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## Letter from Dad Marren

Hey guys, Welcome new members Nick, Mark, Sean and Brian your life just became more fun. Grand masters class included these 4 new members giving us a total of 7 new members in 2008. The chapter majority was 6 this year and we recruited 7 already. Congratulations on making the membership honor roll so early in the year. Be sure to check our chapters success in the state review. All of our members can be proud of themselves as the chapter has seen growth the last 2 years. Delaware Valley Chapter now boasts over 50 members. Del-Val fun night was a huge success, what a night of fun and food, plenty of food. Speaking of fun, next meeting I will be giving out convention forms. Wildwood here we come! In closing you guys have made this advisor proud to be part of Del-Val chapter. Sincerely, Dad Marren

## Letter from the Senior Councilor

Brethren, I can't believe it has already been a month since my last article. The chapter is going great! At our fun night, we had around ten prospective members, and a lot of fun. Our Devotional Day was a major success, and with our projected expenses, we should be under budget! I can't wait to see where we go as a chapter, and I hope all of you keep working as hard as you have been to make our chapter grow, and become stronger. I know everyone says it, but it is just that important: You only get out of DeMolay what you put into it! So keep putting your all into it, and I know we will all have a great time. Fraternally, Ian S.

## Letter From the Junior Councilor

Our Junior Councilor and his family are having a well deserved vacation in the Islands. We look forward to his column next month, and hearing all about their great trip.

## Letter from the Master Councilor

Well guys I think we have been doing a really good job so far. I like to see so many guys participating and staying active. We have great attendance at all our meetings and our events. Even outside our own chapter room we have some guys coming along for the fun of visitation. Also, I like to see that you guys are putting time into ritual, it is getting better every week! Let's try to keep this up Del-Val is really up there this year and we don't want it to Go back down. Thanks to all of your hard work and dedication we will really go places. I hope to see you at all fun events coming up and at the meetings. We can't maintain a successful chapter without each other! Fraternally, Riley S.



DeVal remains in 3rd place through March 20th, but we are closing the gap on Tyrean and Ethan Allen. Our points for Grand Masters Class have been awarded, along with all of our visitations. A huge chunk of points, for LCC's, have not yet been awarded - and once they are we could rocket into the lead! Everybody has been putting out an excellent effort, and if we keep it up we have a great shot at winning!

By Dad Stoneking

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### DAD's Den

DeVal continues it's busy schedule of activities with three visitations (two were SMC OV's) , Masonic Service, Devotional Day, a dance/lock-in/pancake breakfast at Mo-Town, Grand Masters Class, and our Fun Night event! Grand Masters Class was a huge success for DeVal with four new members initiated, Ian S. gave an excellent performance as Jaques DeMolay, Eric B. as Guy of Auvergne, Riley S. and Matt W. did preceptor parts, we were awarded the traveling trophy (for the second straight time), and Riley S. was recognized by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee as their outstanding DeMolay for 2008. I want to congratulate the DeVal Social Committee on an excellent 'Fun Night' event. We had 14 members there (plus a cameo appearance by Eric B.), three members of the State Line, the State Sweetheart, one of our Chapter Sweetheart candidates, and about 12 prospects/guests. The State JC said it was "one of the best prospect events he had ever seen". Great job - DeVal continues to show what DeMolay is all about! Dad Stoneking

*Convention 2008  
June 13-15, 2008  
Wildwood, NJ*

### April Calendar

- 04/08 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM  
Riverside, NJ
- 04/12-13 Chapter Overnight Camping Trip  
TBA
- 04/19 State Sweetheart Ball 7-11:00PM  
TBA
- 04/22 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM  
Advisory Board Mtg. 6:30PM  
Riverside, NJ
- 04/26 Rainbow Grand Charity Ball 7-11:00PM  
Livingston, NJ
- 04/27 State Soccer TBA  
Mercer County College

### Capital Chapter Visitation

On March 6<sup>th</sup> 5 DeMolays and one advisor went to visit Capital Chapter. The visiting DeMolay's were Clayton S., Riley S., Ian S., Ryan S. and Brian V. The advisor attending was Dad S. I was glad to see DeMolay's visiting chapters for regular meetings. Visitation is important if you want to stay current with other chapters upcoming events. Hopefully we can do this more often and have more DeMolay's visiting other chapters. By Clayton S.



## District 3 Master Councilor

I have never been more proud of my home chapter than when I am writing this article now. The improvement that has been made as a chapter since Chris's term is phenomenal and beyond anything I have ever seen in any DeMolay Chapter in my time. I write this after Game Night which I was not able to attend because of personal issues, but what I saw of it was amazing, stupendous, and wonderful. DeVal Chapter is living my DeMolay dream right now. We are getting lots of members to join and be active, which is a great thing. The best thing a chapter can do to keep guys interested and active is to have lots of fun things for them to do. But fun things need fund raising. I have a few ideas to help us in that area, we'll bring that up at a future meeting. At Grand Masters Class DeVal was well represented with candidates and with DeMolays participating in the degrees. We have a enough guys now that we can start doing our own degrees. Wouldn't that be great. Fraternally, Eric B.

### Devotional Day

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, our DeVal Chapter participated in one of the 7 obligatory days; Devotional Day. Steve, Riley, Clayton, Ian, Matt, and myself were in attendance at the Burlington Masonic Home. We attended both church services. We listened to a great service by Chaplain Ron and we even participated in it. Each of us had a small speaking part. After the services we took some of the residents back to their rooms.

By, Brian V.

### Excalibur SMCOV

A few weeks ago, on March 4<sup>th</sup>, Excalibur Chapter had their SMCOV. A few DeVal DeMolays attended this event, those DeMolays being, Riley S., Ian, S., and Ryan S.. Our advisor was DAD Stoneking (as always!). The State officers did not run their usual program, instead they briefly went over our state programs and then did ritual practice to follow. It was fun and there was a great improvement in ritual afterwards. Once we got downstairs we had a great spread of food which was quickly eaten by all the DeMolays in attendance. So I would say that a good time WAS had by all.

By Riley S.

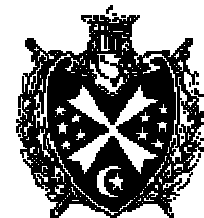
### Chapter Fun Night

On March 16<sup>th</sup> was DeVal's fun night. And it was FUN! There was food, Halo, Rock Band, poker/blackjack, super smash brothers brawl and board games. There was at least 10 prospects, plus a lot of DeVal guys, and State Officers, which is great. Everyone had a blast and the prospects seemed interested in joining. Can't wait for the next fun night. By Chris L.

### Grand Master's Class 2008

Grand Masters Class was held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Fellowship center in Burlington New Jersey. DeVal welcomed 4 new members to our chapter on this day, Nick S., Brian J., Mark F., and Sean M.. DeVal showed great support with MC Riley S., SC Ian S., JC Matt W. and PMC Eric B. who participated in the initiatory and DeMolay Degrees. We also had 5 members come out to observe and welcome the new members. Congrats to all! By Steve F.

Chapter  
Sweetheart  
Emblem



### Mo-town Lock-in

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a large portion of our chapter visited Moorestown-Excelsior in Haddonfield. This special event was a pajama dance/lock-in/pancake breakfast. After the pajama dance the few females that were left exited so our lock-in could begin. We had numerous games including movie trivia and other board games, but everyone wanted to play video games. There were numerous competitions of Super Smash Bros., long battles of Halo 3 and a few matches of Call Of Duty. We were even able to system link Halo 3 enabling us to have 8 people play. All in all everyone had great time and not too many people got sleep. When a few people did manage to catch some z's they were awakened to a surprise with red Sharpie on their face. After wards we set up for the pancake breakfast. It was very delicious and there was a good turn out. By, Brian V.

## Who is that guy on the Delaware Quarter?

We all know about the State Quarters. From Washington Crossing the Delaware on the New Jersey quarter, to Mount Rushmore on the South Dakota quarter. The figure on the Illinois quarter is Abraham Lincoln, the astronaut on the Ohio quarter is John Glen (or Neil Armstrong, both are from Ohio) and Helen Keller on the Alabama 25 cent piece. But who is that guy riding the horse on the Delaware quarter? He is Caesar Rodney. Caesar Rodney was a delegate to the Continental Congress. On July 1, 1776, despite suffering from asthma and cancer, Rodney set off on the 80-mile journey to Philadelphia withstanding thundershowers and a severe summer heat wave. The next day, he arrived at Independence Hall just in time to cast the deciding vote in favor of our nation's independence. (There were sufficient states voting for Independence, but Delaware was split on its vote, Caesar Rodney cast the vote to include Delaware in the vote). This native of Dover has also held more public offices than any other Delaware citizen. In addition to being an extremely dedicated delegate, Rodney was also a soldier, judge, and speaker of Delaware's Assembly. By DAD LaBaw



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The DeMolay "Number One Pin" is given to recognize the first time a DeMolay sponsors a new member into the Order.



### Mo-town Dance

On Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> Moorestown Chapter held a dance prior to a Lock-In/ Pancake Breakfast. DelVal had 9 members there, Riley S, Clayton S, Brian V, Nick W, Matt W, Mark F, Steve F, as well as I. The MC, Frank C, of Mo-Town invited some of the best looking girls in rainbow, the only problem was that they were shy and didn't dance with the DeMolays Matt W. and I were the first ones to try but they made it clear that they won't dance. All Rainbows left an hour early so we started to play some intense Duck Duck Goose then after that we started playing Musical Chairs, Matt won Musical Chairs against a young DeMolay and thought he was the best ever at the game. Besides the rainbows, all went well. Fraternally, Ryan S.

### Chapter Masonic Home Visit

It was a cold Sunday morning when Del-Val and the Masons from Beverly Riverside Lodge came out to help at the Masonic Home. First off we met in the lobby and then received instructions to gather the patrons that wanted to go to church. Before we started helping we signed into the main office. After getting signed in some of us jumped into our scrubs while others stayed in suits. Finally after getting changed we started to help the patrons that wanted to go to church. While pushing them some of us became lost while others had to hear the patrons' stories. After helping the patrons everyone headed to the cafeteria for a rest while the patrons were at church. During that hour we had a meal and talked. Then when our break ended we took the patrons to lunch or back to there room. Just as we finished we had another shift. Like in the first shift we did the same. Finally, after we finished shift two we were finished. After words we talked and then left to head home. I hope everyone had a great at the Masonic Home!

Your Brother, James F.