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## Letter from the Senior Councilor

Brethren, A lot has gone down since our last Newsletter. Plenty of things have gone on that will be mentioned by my brethren in other articles, as I could not do all of them justice in my single article, so I will leave the details of the many SMCOVs and Chevalier Investitures and Events we all enjoyed over the past month. I hope to see our chapter continue to grow, and I hope to see the members we already have continue to be active, because you get out of DeMolay what you put into it, so if you all don't work hard to be active, you won't get nearly as much out of it as you should. Hope to have another successful month. Fraternally, Ian S.

## Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey guys, I have to say, Del-Val paintball was so much fun! Long live blue team!! Some time we have to do that again. Another big event is coming up, End of Year Degrees! May 31st is the date for this event. I would like to say all our new members like Daulton, Ben, Dylan and everyone else to go to this to become a full DeMolay. It will be a good learning experience and you only have to do it once. Hope to see everyone there! Fraternally, Matt W.

## Letter from Dad Marren

Hey guys, I don't know about you but I had a blast at paintball and got blasted. A real nice job by Clayton on the Flower talk at our Parents day obligatory day. A special Thanks to Mom Stoneking who is always lending a helping hand with refreshments. This Saturday is the membership class for our new DeMolays, it will be held at Burlington Lodge on Rt. 541 in Burlington. This is your last chance to bring in your friend until Novembers Fall honors class. Congrats to Del-Val for surpassing your membership goal for 2008. The Chapters ritual proficiency has improved nicely in the last month, keep up the good work guys. OK now for the biggest Demolay event of the year, CONVENTION June 13-15, we have a lot to discuss at our next meeting regarding convention in Wildwood. As state and chapter activities slow down for the summer we still have the softball tourney and our swim party BBQ in June. Finally this past year has been one that has seen our chapter really excel in many areas. You guys have made it a real pleasure to be chapter Dad. By Dad Marren

## Letter from the Master Councilor

Hey Guys! We have really made it far in this term, and the end of the DeMolay year is coming up sooner than you think. So far everything is going really well and all of our events have been successful. There are still more to come though, so don't worry. For all the first timers we have convention coming up, you know that's a blast! As well as a pool party/picnic, a Trenton Thunder game, and hopefully even a trip to the PA Renn-Faire. Of course we also have the pancake breakfast and a car wash coming up, to fundraise for our chapter. I expect to see a good turn out there so we can get ourselves all the money we need! We will just have to see how things go in the next month or two. As long as you guys stay active and keep working hard, I promise we can do all of these great things! Fraternally, Riley S.



DeVal's top spot is being challenged!! Ethan Allen is claiming that they have recently completed 1900 points worth of LCC's which puts a DeVal COTY win in jeopardy. As you read this there will be only a few days left before the end of COTY competition for this year, and hopefully we will have had several more members complete their LCC's in order to offset this last minute push by Ethan Allen to steal COTY from us. Whatever happens you guys have done an outstanding job this year and can be very proud of yourselves. Thanks for all the effort, and lets keep it up - the COTY competing for 2008-2009 starts in a few days! Dad Stoneking

### DeVal Paintball

Since I never did this activity before I had little idea of what to expect. Shortly after arriving we started playing. Our group played on 4 different fields though I didn't really get the hang of it until the 2<sup>nd</sup> one (which I thought was the best). It was a blast for all who played including some of our new prospects and advisors. There were a lot of people hit and everyone was colored pretty well. I also know that Matt and Ian got hit pretty hard, they have some nice welts. Overall I would have to label this event as a great one and an amazing first time playing paintball. By Sean M.

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### June Calendar

05/31 Pre-Convention Degrees 8:30AM  
Burlington Lodge #32

06/01 State Softball TBA  
Burlington Twp. HS

06/10 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM

06/13-15 NJ DeMolay Convention  
Wildwood, NJ

06/24 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM  
Advisory Council Mtg.) 6:30pm

06/28 Del-Val Picnic & Swim Party 1:00PM  
Burlington Twp, NJ

07/03 Pancake Breakfast Prep 6:30PM

07/04 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7:00AM

07/08 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM  
Government Day Observance

07/13 Trenton Thunder Baseball Game 7:05PM

### State Masonic Home Visit

As we all showed up to the Masonic Home for the wheelchair push, most of us came with our clothes so that we could change to play volleyball later. Many of us that showed up sang in the choir during the services and I think that we did a wonderful job, even me! After each service we would bring the residents back to their rooms. I think that they really appreciate having this kind of thing done for them and it feels good to do something nice for the elderly. Once every one was done Clayton and Riley did their speeches and very well I might add and then we started to get ready for volleyball. Brian J.

### DAD's Den

I can not believe that the DeMolay year is about to come to an end, but Convention is just around the corner so it must be true. I don't know about you guys but I am really looking forward to Convention, I know we are going to have a great time. Looking back on this past year I continue to be amazed, impressed, and very proud to be a part of the best Chapter in NJ DeMolay. All of DeVal's success is because of you, the DeMolays of the Chapter. What makes us successful is the participation, enthusiasm, and work of its members - and you have all done an outstanding job. I am also looking forward to the summer meetings and events that our MC has planned, I hope everyone will be able to make it out for them. See you at Convention! Dad Stoneking

### Chapter Sweetheart

Hi everyone! I am SOOOO glad that I didn't go to paintball because I saw all those bruises that my brother had and I could have NEVER dealt with that! Hopefully I can come to all your other events this term. Can't wait for the swim party and convention in wildwood!! Well anyway, I hope you all had an awesome 3-day weekend and see ya next meeting. Love, Andrea W.



## Raritan Valley Chapter SMCOV

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Ian S., Riley S., and Clayton S. along with Matt W. and myself visited Raritan Valley. Dad Stoneking drove us what seemed like a daylong drive. Once we got there we were treated with some delicious spaghetti, that's a hard word to spell, and some amaz-a-zing garlic bread. We ate while we waited for the state officers to arrive from the Tyrean golf outing. We got to talk to the new chapter and its members, who were very cool and welcoming. Once the officers arrived (Dan was late because he got pulled over) we began. As always we went through the program. We even had desert afterwards. We all got to talk to the state officers, and even learned some sign language for the ladies. All of us boys had a good time and I think that Raritan Valley would be a great chapter to visit once in a while. By, Brian V.

## District 3 Master Councilor

Brethren, this is my last article as D3MC for DelVal Chapter and i would like to tell you it was a wild ride! What I have done this year I would never have imagined. I want to thank you all, and ask you all for your vote at convention for the election of State Scribe. I also ask that all going please stand up and second my nomination. This chapter has grown and I could not be happier with what progress we have made throughout the year. I do incline the officers, however, to think about more than traveling and membership. We need to focus on program too, and especially our funds. We are large enough now that we can run 2 separate events if everyone pitches in and I think that we as a chapter should make our own ritual team, either performing the DeMolay Degree or the Initiatory Degree, once we have the necessary people. Have a wonderful year everyone, and remember I am still here for the chapter. Fraternally, Eric B. PMC

## Masonic Home Visit

Two Sundays ago our Del-Val chapter visited the Masonic Home for one of our wheel chair pushes. Ian S., Riley S., and Clayton S., Nick W., myself, and Dad Stoneking took a trip over to Burlington, to push the worshipers to church. While we waited for the service to finish we talked about some upcoming events like softball and convention. We also talked about how some chapters are creeping up on us in the COTY competition, so we have to keep doing what we have been doing to ensure victory. We pushed back the residents and took some more down to church. This was a great event to attend because it helped some of us get Masonic service hours. Those extra hours helped some of us receive merit bars at our last meeting. By, Brian V.

## Ultimate Frisbee

On May 10th, Del Val Chapter participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Tall Cedar's Grove in Crosswicks, NJ. Also attending were 5 chapters making a total of 6 & 4 teams. First, DelVal faced Capitol and Horner and with a score of 8 to 2. During the short intermission, we cooled off and strategize for our upcoming match with Morristown and Lincoln Park. If you were there, you should have seen Dad Stoneking rolling around, playing his heart out! Thanks to his strong arm, we won that game too! He and Dad Jackson make quite the team! Before our game with Clifton, we sat down and ate a delicious lunch prepared by several Dads. It was then time to face our biggest challenge. This match was definitely a good one! Unfortunately, we wound up taking second place. We did a good job and we will do even better next time. By, Cody F.



The Blue Honor Key is awarded to an active DeMolay for being the first line signer for 10 new members initiated by the Chapter.

## Parents Night Obligatory Observance

Last week's meeting was one to remember, and it was packed. Parent's and kids all filed in for Parent's Night to view our chapter, get some awards, and to have some fun. The "Flower Talk", given by our own Clayton S., was masterfully done. Everyone left with either a new award to pin on, or renewed determination to succeed. It was yet another successful meeting for Del-Val. The food was great and I hope there will be more to come. By Steve S.

### What Was The Original Pledge of Allegiance?



*I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands  
- one nation indivisible- with liberty and justice for all.*

On September 8, 1892, the Boston based "The Youth's Companion" magazine published a few words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Written by Francis Bellamy, the circulation manager and native of Rome, NY, and reprinted on thousands of leaflets, was sent out to public schools across the country. On October 12, 1892, the quadri-centennial of Columbus' arrival, more than 12 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance, thus beginning a required school-day ritual. At the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C., on June 14, 1923, a change was made. For clarity, the words "the Flag of the United States" replaced "my flag". In the following years various other changes were suggested but were never formally adopted. It was not until 1942 that Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. In June, 1954 an amendment was made to add the words "under God". Then-President Eisenhower said "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war." By Dad LaBaw

### Riley's Sleepover

On Friday May 23 Riley Stoneking and his two brothers Clayton and Ian had a sleepover. Brian V., Matt W. and I stayed over. We had pizza and played halo for a long time. We played hide and go seek in the dark and then decided to make a music video with Ian's camera. It was really funny and it did get out of hand. We then went to bed around 12:00 and got up around 7:30. Dad Stoneking made pancakes which were really great. After breakfast we left to go to paintball. We all had a great time. By Steve F.

### DeMolay Charity Dinner

On April 25<sup>th</sup> a bunch of guys from Del-Val, a couple other chapters and the state guys all met at the Scottish Rite Central Valley for the NJ DeMolay Charity Dinner, A Italian Cuisine Night. The night benefited the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning center. I got the best job of all I was the bar tender. My mixed drinks consisted of mixing soda and ice cubes. The dinner was delicious, prepared by Dad Goodtime, and served by the DeMolays. After the dinner there was a Chinese auction to raffle off some baskets. We got a cool movie basket and Matt got a mothers day present for his mom. By Chris L.

### Tyrear Chapter SMC0V

On April 24<sup>th</sup> Tyrear chapter had their State Master councilor Official Visit. 4 DeMolays and 1 advisor were in attendance, Riley S, Ian S, Matt W, as well as myself the advisor was Mom DiPaula. During the SMC's program we broke up into committees that are necessary for a chapter. In these programs we wrote letters to advisor's who drove us so we could be there we also planned a social event and other things. Afterward we had pizza and talked to the other DeMolays. We had a very good turn out and a great time was had by all. By Clayton S.

### VolleyBall Tournament

After the Masonic home services, the DeMolays got together for a volleyball tourney. This event didn't start good since we lost one of our best players, Matt W. to a school project. We began by eating hamburgers and hotdogs. Sadly after that we lost our first 3 games to Mo-town. After the other teams ate, we began the 2<sup>nd</sup> set where we went 1 and 2 with Brian V. showing true athletic ability hitting anything that came to him. Now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set the games were shortened to 15 points and Chris L. spurred the team to have a little more morale and Cody F. served 6 straight points for our team. That round we took 2 out of 3. Next we played Capital where Eric B. played seeing how the Capital team was one man to short. Dennis D. played very well and I believe we lost 2 out of 3 games. We ended the day in 3<sup>rd</sup> of the four registered teams and everybody enjoyed themselves greatly. I would like to thank the parents that came out and helped with this event. Fraternally, Mark F.