

Delaware Valley Chapter

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- Richard L.
- Clayton S.
- Nick G.
- Jim F.
- Ian S.
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Letter from Dad Marren

Hi Guys,
I hope everyone had a fine Thanksgiving holiday. Remember as we enter this joyous time of year that we think of those less fortunate than us. Our chapter has seen some terrific growth in the last month, let's keep the fire burning. The chapter's SMCOV, State bowling, the holidays and end of year degrees. Wow, what better way to share DeMolay than with a friend.

Happy Holidays,
Dad Marren

Letter from the Master Councilor

Dear Guys - A lot has happened since the last newsletter, and lots more is coming up. I hope we do better at State Bowling than we did at our practice. Our cheesecake sale was better than it has been in quite a few years. FHC finished the degrees for 4 of our brothers. The End of Year Degrees has been rescheduled until Jan. 5th, so keep looking to find new members. Give any names you have to Riley, he can get them started. My term is half over and I feel that it is going fast. Lots of stuff done, lots to still do. See you at the meeting. Fraternaly, Chris L.

Letter from the Senior Councilor

The Senior Councilor has been busy putting together a great program for the DCI (District Chapter of Instruction), scheduled for Friday November 30. His column will be back next month.

Dad's Den

It is really exciting to see how Del-Val is growing and moving forward. We have gained 5 new members in 2007, and have several promising prospects that will hopefully join us soon. We are making real progress on our Ritual proficiency and by the time our evaluation comes in February I am sure that Del-Val will be more than ready. Between the activities planned by our Master Councilor, and the events planned by the State, there are plenty of opportunities to participate, and the more involved you are, the more you will get out of DeMolay. We have members going to just about every event so why not join them? Dad Stoneking

Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey guys! Wow, we're off to a great start this year, with many successful events come and gone. This year we attended a very successful DeMolay University and learned a lot of valuable things. Our chapter was also represented at the Capital Chapter Virginia trip, which was a blast. Last but not least, we had 4 new initiates at FHC from Del-Val, and many more from all over the state. Also, let's not forget about end of year degrees! They have been postponed until Jan. 5 so there is

still plenty of time to get your friends signed up! I know Chris has all sorts of fun surprises in his term plan, and you can always count on the state for tons of fun events. So remember there is much more to come this DeMolay year! Meaning you should be active and show your support, the chapter needs you now more than ever! Don't forget if you ever have questions or concerns about what's up call me at 609-760-0550.

Fraternaly, Riley S.



*****COTY Update*****

Guys—Here are the COTY points listed by the State as of November 10, 2007

Bergen Chapter - 0	Capital Chapter - 100	Clifton Chapter- 650
Delaware Valley Chapter- 500	Essex Chapter- 0	Ethan Allen Chapter - 2100
Excalibur Chapter- 0	Frank W. Horner Chapter - 50	Jersey Shore Chapter- 100
Kenneth E. Hendricks Chapter- 50	Lincoln Park Chapter- 250	Moorestown-Excelsior Ch- 350
Medford Chapter- 0	Point Pleasant Beach Ch- 350	Raritan Chapter- 100
Raritan Valley Chapter- 300	Skylands Chapter- 0	Trinity Chapter- 200
Tryean Chapter- 1200	Union Chapter- 50	

The standings show us in 4th place. All of our points are not listed, but many points for the other chapters may not be listed either. Keep up the good work.

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Rainbow/DeMolay Dance

On November 23, 2007, Del-Val Chapter went to a DeMolay/Rainbow dance in Livingston, New Jersey. DeMolays that participated were SC Eric B., JC Riley S., Steven F. and Nick G.. Riley brought his friend Brian. Dad Stoneking was the advisor that took us to the dance. The dance was the greatest dances that some of us have ever been to. The music was perfect, the food was great and the drinks were awesome! I think there were more girls there than guys. Some of us hung out with one or more of the girls. Riley danced with a girl and I danced with a girl named Adrian. At the end of the night, it was late and cold outside. We all had a great time and the next dance is in Burlington in the month of February.

By Nick G.

December Calendar

- 30 District Lodge of Instruction (DCI)
Olive Branch Lodge, Freehold NJ 7:30PM
- 02 DeMolay Bowling Hamilton Lanes 1PM
- 11 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM
Day of Comfort (Obligatory Day)
Christmas Party Advisory Bd. 6:30PM
- 20 Chapter Visitation to Capital 7?:30PM
Pennington, NJ
- 21 Christmas Caroling at Masonic Home 7PM
Burlington, NJ
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 29 Movie Night at Regal Cinema TBA
Burlington, NJ

Virginia or Bust!

On the 4th of November Capital hosted a bus trip down to visit Alexander-Washington chapter in Virginia. Four members of DelVal (Eric, Riley, Ian, Clayton) attended this event, as well as Dad Stoneking. The bus departed from Pennington a little after 6:00 AM with 34 DeMolays, advisors, and family members on board. Our first stop was the Air and Space museum. The museum wasn't open when we arrived, but the McDonald's inside was! I bet you know where everyone went first. When the museum did open, we all had the chance to ride one of two simulators, either the airplane simulator or the spaceflight simulator. After that we had free time to explore the many airplane and spacecraft on display. Our final stop in the museum was the Imax theater, where we watched a movie about operation Red Flag, a combat pilot training program. After that, we got back on the bus and headed for the George Washington Masonic Memorial, where the chapter we visited holds their meetings. We were given lunch followed by a brief tour of the Memorial. Afterward was the Alexandria-Washington Chapter meeting. Noel sat in as Senior Steward for them, and he did so well he won five dollars from one of the Alexandria-Washington advisors! After the meeting we headed to the Old Country Buffet! While we were eating, a Past International Master Councilor showed up, and Brother Baker spoke with him at length. After the buffet, we got back on the bus one more time, and headed for home. It was a great trip! Fraternally, Ian S.



The D3MC message will appear next month. With plenty to report on.

Alumni Bowling/Pizza Party

Hey guys. This is the first article that I've written for the newsletter in quite a few years. On Saturday 11/23, the chapter had an Alumni Bowling/Pizza party at Brunswick Zone in Burlington. We had 9 DeMolays & 2 prospects come out to bowl. Me and Dan Marren were the only Alumni to come. Let's hear it for the Alumni. Even though our scores weren't that high, we all had a lot of fun. The pizza wasn't that great, but when you're hungry you eat it. Hope to see everybody in December when I get home from school. By Richard L.

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

Trivia Questions for Del-Val's SMC OV

- 1) Where and when was the first Culvers opened? Suak City, WI 1984
- 2) How close is the closest Culvers to Del-Val? Reynoldsburg, OH 479mi 7hr 51mi
- 3) Who were the Master Councilors for Del-Val when our SMC was D3MC?
Brian C. 02-2004, Richard L. 09-2004, Daniel M. 02-2005
- 4) In recent years, what Del-Val DeMolays served as D3MC?
Guillermo G. 2002, Matt R. 2003, Brian C. 2005, Eric B. 2007

Fall Honors Class 2007

At around 9:30 Fall Honors Class began. 19 Candidates were on their way to becoming a DeMolay. Every Candidate was going for their 1st degree known as the Initiatory degree, then we took the vows of DeMolay. After the Initiatory degree we learned what emeralds on the crown meant. Then we had about a 45 min. lunch break. Then we watched a play about Jacques DeMolay. This inspirational play denoted the value of trust and true honor, the code of our fraternity. After the play we were given our 2nd degree, which is know as the DeMolay degree. The person who was honored during this day was DAD Frederick Schosser an active mason, he is known for being very supportive to DeMolay. Finally, every candidate blissfully walked up to the SMC and received their certificate, noting that they were now official members of Demolay. By James F.

7 Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay

1. Filial love (Love of parents)
2. Reverence for sacred things
(Respect or awe for something sacred)
3. Courtesy
(To be considerate towards all with whom you may come in contact with)
4. Comradeship
(A type of friendship which is developed as a result of membership in DeMolay between its members.)
5. Fidelity (Faithfulness)
6. Cleanness
(Cleanness in every thought, word, & deed.)
7. Patriotism
(Loyalty for one's country in war and in peace.)

