

Delaware Valley Chapter

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Letter from the Master Councilor

Hey guys! So I don't know about you all, but it feels like forever since our last newsletter to me! I think a lot of you have heard, and if not its on the term plan: We are having a prospect party in December! So, what does that mean? It means Food, Fun, Friends, and (If Andrea pulls through) Females! Now, don't think she is the only one allowed to bring girls. Anyone is allowed to bring any friends you want, boy or girl. However, try not to bring 5 girls and no guys. As much as we like them, girls can't join DeMolay. So, just something to think about as we move forward through the year. Find friends who like having a good time, and bring them to the party! Anyway, I hope all is well with everyone in the chapter. Fraternally, Ian S.

Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey guys. First off Fall Honors Class was a recent event. Unfortunately none of our members who had not received their DeMolay degree went. This means those of you who still need it must wait until Grand Masters Class in March, to become a full member. Besides that our membership has been great. Just make sure you make it out to the meetings or call someone to see what you missed. If you miss a meeting you may not hear about a certain event. Also soon to come will be the prospect party. An official date has not been set, but I will be in contact with you all to see what you can bring. And finally I would just like to talk about the newsletter itself. If you write an article for our newsletter for a full year you can receive a Journalism merit bar. So call up me if you would like to write an article. Fraternally, Brian V.

Letter from Dad Stoneking

I want to start out this month by thanking Chris L. and Dad Labaw for their continued excellent work on our newsletter—and I want to thank the DeMolays who submit articles. We have a great newsletter and now, thanks to the generosity of Dad Jackson, we also have in published in first class form! It has been a busy month with Fall Ball, our Chapter Picnic, Fall Honors Class, and visitations to two other Chapters. We also had a very successful cheesecake fundraiser (and I still owe our Sweetheart her prize for selling the most!). You guys continue to show why DelVal is the best Chapter in NJ DeMolay—keep up the great work!

Letter from the Senior Councilor

Hello guys, November has been a really good month in our chapter, we have had a lot to do! We did a real good job with our ritual during our SMC-OV! With fundraising, we did really good. We sold a whopping 80 cheesecakes and with a total profit of \$240 bucks! I just wanted to thank everyone for doing such a good job selling cheesecakes. The chapter sweetheart I believe sold the most so I don't know what surprise Dad Stoneking has for the top seller of cheesecakes. There has been one big state program me, Sean M. and Nick W. have been really into lately and that is the "Traveling Gavel." We have been traveling to different chapters meeting new people from these different chapters. I've never seen so many different ways to hold meetings, a lot of the chapters have different agendas than we do. I think you guys will really appreciate it if you participate in it. I know I can fit one extra person in Mom DiPaula's truck if your interested. Please come guys, it's a really fun event to do, not to mention if you get six visitations, that's a merit bar. Also I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Fraternally, Matt W.



COTY Update

The State COTY board has Del-Val in front with a modest lead. A lot of guys last year did their LCC's , but we have a lot of new guys in the chapter. When you complete your LCC's they teach you about DeMolay. The more you know about it , the more fun you can get out of it and the easier it will be to explain it to your friends and classmates. Traveling around the State can get us points, but most importantly, it gives each of us a chance to meet DeMolays from all over New Jersey. Del-Val is very lucky to have as many members come out to meetings as we do. When we travel, we can help those chapters that don't have as many members with their meetings.

Fall Ball

Fall Ball was on November 1st at Crescent Shrine. There was both DeMolays and Rainbows at the dance. The dance lasted for about four hours. People dressed as crusaders, skeletons, super heroes and more. About one hour after the dance started, is when it really heated up. There were both professionals and beginners on the dance floor. To me the dance was really fun and I hope everyone else enjoyed it. Fraternaly, James F

Sweets from Our Sweetheart

Hi everyone! I'm so proud of all that sold cheesecakes and you guys actually came close to beating me (by the way Riley, I hope you started baking my chocolate cake with chocolate icing!!) but maybe next time you guys will beat me. We ended up selling about 80 cheesecakes in all which is great for our chapter. Well I hope everyone has a great and safe Thanksgiving weekend! Sincerely, Andrea W.

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Chris L.

Mo-Town Meeting at the Home

On Sunday November 9th, Mo-Town chapter had their meeting and Frank Land Observance at the Masonic Home in Grow Hall. The meeting was attended by about 30 residents of the Home. MC Frank C. did a great job on the Shield Talk and SC Mike gave a talk on Frank Land. After the talk he asked some great Trivia questions and gave out little boxes of candy and DeMolay wrist bands to those who answered correctly. Mom Abdil (wife of Dad Abdil PMC from Del-Val) said that it took her 49 years, but she finally got to see a DeMolay meeting. Mo-Town said that they were going to try to have a meeting at the Home every year. Maybe Del-Val can do the same thing? HmMMMM. By Chris L.

December Calendar

12/07 OES Charity Event 12:00PM
Riverside, NJ
12/09 Regular Meeting (Casual) 7:30PM
Day of Comfort Observance Day
Riverside, NJ
12/12 Del-Val Prospect Party TBD
Riverside, NJ
12/14 State Bowling 1:00PM
Hamilton Bowling Lanes
Hamilton, NJ
11/23 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM
Advisory Council Mtg. 6:30PM
Riverside, NJ
12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



Lincoln Parks Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday November 15th, my dad and I headed out to sample some more DeMolay pancakes. We went up to Lincoln Park Chapter to visit my DeMolay buddy Prescott and eat a tasty breakfast. We weren't disappointed. Breakfast was great. I wouldn't get up early and drive an hour and a half to go to a restaurant for breakfast. But a DeMolay breakfast is always worth it. By Chris L.

Del-Val Picnic and Ultimate Frisbee

On November 2, most of Del-Val participated in a picnic at the Stoneking's residence. At first, we played a practice game of Ultimate Frisbee. We played really well and it was a great game. I'm sure that at the next Frisbee tournament, we will definitely come in 1st place! Later that afternoon, we ate a deliciously prepared lunch made by Dad Stoneking. After lunch, we had a few more rounds of Frisbee and went down into the basement. There was a Ping-Pong tournament and an inspiring and impressive tour of Dad Stoneking's radio station. It was a very enjoyable day and I would like to thank the Stoneking's for inviting us all over! By, Cody F.

Delaware Valleys SMCOV

Hey guys, our SMCOV was on the 14th of November and it was a blast for me! We had the State Master Counselor Andrew Auerbach come along with his state line, we performed the Honor Guard. I think he was impressed. I very much appreciated taking part in it, it was a blast for me even Nick W. liked it. We did the normal ritual and I think every one did a fantastic job. Afterwards, there were hoagies upstairs following with a Dad Land cake which was cool. I never ate a cake with some one as important as Dad Land on it! Over all I had a great time and think the State Master Counselor was impressed and had a great time too! Fraternally, Brian J.



Cross of Honor

An Advisor who wears the Cross of Honor has received a distinctive honor that can only be given by the ISC to a member of an Advisory Council or a personal representative of an Executive Officer. It denotes three or more years of conspicuous meritorious service to a Chapter or jurisdiction, and exceptionally outstanding efforts on behalf of DeMolay. Since females may serve on an Executive Officers staff, this is the only DeMolay honor, which may be granted to a woman.

Who Invented The Great American Pastime

Baseball, like the United States, evolved out of a British precedent into a unique and independent institution. The origin of American baseball lies in an informal offshoot of the English sport of cricket called "rounders," played in the Colonies as early as the mid-18th century. The game was already called "baseball" in a children's book of 1744. Essentially, a batter had to hit a pitched ball and then run the bases (from one to five of them) without being tagged or "plugged"---hit by a ball thrown by one of the fielders. A special Commission of 1907 concluded that baseball had been "invented" by the Civil War hero Abner Doubleday (1819-1893), in Cooperstown, New York, in 1839. But it was actually Alexander Joy Cartwright (1820-1892) of New York who established the modern baseball field and rules of the game (September 1845). In Cartwright's rules of play, however, plugging was allowed; a ball fielded on one bounce was an out; pitching was won by the first team to score 21 innings. The rules were adopted by the New York Knickerbockers, (led by a bank clerk named Alexander Cartwright) in Hoboken, New Jersey, the first organized baseball game between two teams using the new rules. By this time, baseball had become a leisure activity for wealthy young men. But later, after Civil War soldiers who had brought the game back to their hometowns, baseball was both watched and played by Americans of every social status. Baseball was institutionalized and further developed by the National Association in 1858. The Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first all-professional team in 1869. The rival National (1876) and American (1903) Leagues competed in the first World Series in 1903 and All-Star Game in 1933. In 1947, the Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson, removing the color barrier that had consigned black players to the "Negro Leagues." By Dad LaBaw



Voice of the State Master Councilor

To my brothers. Anyone that says that there is nothing to do in DeMolay needs to stick their head outside their shell. November has been a great month. From Fall Ball (and no, I don't know where Waldo is), to Fall Honors Class, there were some great things happening. Riley and Ian did a great job at the FHC degrees. Frank and Mo-Town, really wowed them at the Home when they had their meeting there. We did an awesome job with our SMCOV. The traveling Gavel has done some major traveling (right now its at Tyrean). Maybe on the 2nd Thursday of December, we can go down with Capital, Raritan Valley, Medford, Hornor and Mo-town and bring it back up north where it belongs. The Rainbow/DeMolay Dance is coming up at Salaam. Reserve your dance lessons early, I have only so many slots available. State Bowling is always a fun time. Some spares, not many strikes, but always fun. Ask me about the Patriots Day Trivia contest. Only two people have answered my trivia questions in the State Review. Dad Madigan and Brother Strucek (not a Dad yet but always a brother). WHERE ARE THE DEMOLAYS. Remember, there is too much DeMolay fun for one person. Call a DeMolay that hasn't been out in a while to join you or bring a friend and show them what DeMolay fun is all about.

Yours in Brotherhood, Chris L. State Senior Steward