



REFLECTIONS



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DID YOU KNOW

The way that DeMolays kneel when they attend prayer is modeled after the way George Washington knelt to pray at Valley Forge.

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THE COURT CONNECTION

Brothers, this marks the first edition of "The Court Connection" which is some musings about your Maryland Court of Chevaliers, in which I wanted to bring to your attention a few of the happenings in the Court this year.

First, I am delighted to report that the Maryland Court of Chevaliers won at MATOC! Our team took First Place in the Chevalier Investiture (Open Division.) Next year we will be competing at the Championship Level, so we will definitely need to bring our best game that day!

It was with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I accepted back the Chevalier/DeMolay Softball Trophy, on behalf of the Court, at Awards Day in October. It had spent a whole year in the clutches of the Maryland DeMolays, but it is now back at home, in its rightful place. If all goes according to plan, it will remain safe and sound with the Court after the game at Conclave 2007.

We had a splendid Observance this year, on November

11th, at Annapolis Lodge. As in the past several years we conferred both the Degrees of DeMolay.

Our State Master Councilor did a fine job of organizing the Initiatory Degree, and the DeMolay Degree (performed by the Chevaliers) was once again a forum for the biggest hams in the Jurisdiction to wax dramatic. The dinner that followed was a huge (and tasty) feast, thanks again to the tireless efforts of the MSADC Parents Club.

The best part of the entire evening, however, was that we initiated six new DeMolays from Catonsville, Frederick, and Nelson J. Briggs Chapters. Heartfelt thanks and kudos to all who helped make this year's Observance an enormous success!

Recently, one of our younger DeMolays took me aside and asked how he could become a Chevalier. I explained that he was currently a little too young, but that when the time was right, if he continued his

hard work for DeMolay, then the honor would certainly be bestowed upon him.

The age requirement for Chevalier is critical. So many things are happening in the lives of young men at that age, it is proper to reward the DeMolay who has remained focused and active in his Chapter through those busy years.

I also explained that as DeMolay is a Brotherhood based on service, even more is required of the Chevalier. Although it is the second highest honor in DeMolay, it is also a very great burden.

The Chevalier, during the Investiture, takes a solemn vow to rededicate himself to DeMolay, to work even harder for the Order, in spite of the many other things in life that demand his valuable time and attention.

So here it is in a nutshell: We work hard to earn the reward, and then work even harder after receiving it. And why do we do this? Simply because, we love it. A happy Chevalier is he that is busy working for his beloved Order.

Dad Linder, GC, MDCC.



CONGRESS 2007

The Annual Congress Weekend will be held at Camp Round Meadow in the Catoctin Mountains on March 23-25, 2007.

This is a change in date that was previously announced.

Dad JC Davis and Bro. Reinhardt our working hard to make this the best Congress ever.

Plan now to attend this great weekend of learning and brotherhood.

Again this year our brothers from other jurisdictions will be joining us. Mark your calendar!

Hope you're hungry, chili is back!

Registration form on pages 5-6

FROM OUR SMC!

By Bro. Tom Reinhardt

I hope you have all had a good holiday and a happy new year! 2007 should be a great year for Maryland DeMolay. Coming up in February we have a statewide joint prospect party and dance with Job's Daughters and Rainbow on the 10th at Boumi temple.

Please bring a prospect or a friend to this event so they can see what we do in DeMolay. It is very important that we have prospects there. Please come on the 10th and bring a friend. Also, if you have a sister or girlfriend who may be interested in Jobies or Rainbow membership, bring them along.

The next weekend on February 17 there will be a state degree class in Frederick. If you can vote on a petition and bring your prospect on the 10th, you can get them initiated in Frederick on the 17th. After the degrees are over, we will be going to a local spot to



play pool. I really hope many people come to these events.

One of the hardest parts about DeMolay is getting everyone together. Please come!

In the month of March, we will be having the DeMolay Congress (UDMC) on the weekend of March 9th in Thurmont, Maryland. This is a regional event, which should have DeMolay from other states joining us. Congress is always a lot of fun and is also a time to learn more about DeMolay. I am working with our state staff to make this a fun weekend for all. Let me know if you have any feedback on past Congresses or any ideas for what you want to see this year.

Please note that we have had to make several date changes to the state term plan. I am putting a partial plan for the remainder of this term in this issue of Reflections.

Please make the appropriate changes to your calendars.

Please note that I am going to make my Chapter visitations of your regular meeting nights instead of setting dates on weekends. I will contact each Chapter Dad to set a date for your visitation.

Chapter visitations are your opportunity to let your state officers know what help you may need in your home Chapter. I hope to see each of you at these upcoming events.

I also appreciate being notified of your Chapter events so I can try to get them on my calendar.

Feel free to call me at 240-446-6955 or email to marylandsmc@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns you have.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT

By Dad England

These statistics will be updated and published in each edition of the Reflection. These figures are compiled using the new initiates reported. If your chapter has initiated more than shown, your forms have not yet been received at the post office box. Each Chapter's goal is 12 new members a year. Total goal for Maryland 108 new members.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Not Reporting (inactive)</u>
Berlin	0	Frederick	7	Charles H. Cover
Catonsville	8	Nelson J. Briggs	1	Glen Burnie
Chesapeake	2	Salisbury	0	
Cumberland	0	** Amounts as of December 26, 2006 **		

The key to membership growth:

ASK SOMEONE

CONCLAVE 2007!

by: Dad Reich

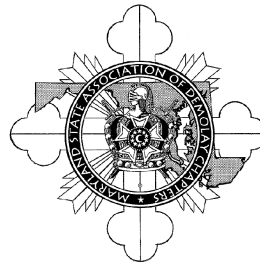
Hold the date! As of this writing, there are only 195 days 'til Conclave 2007!

Conclave is July 27-29, 2007 at Salisbury State University. The planning committee needs your ideas. Speak now or forever hold your peace!

It's not too early to start thinking about who you can sell ads and boosters to.

You earn credits towards the cost of Conclave for you and your chapter for every dollar you bring in.

Also, think about having your Chapter Sweetheart run for State Sweetheart. (Maybe she will reward you with a kiss.)



And, don't forget...we need to win back the Football Trophy from Delaware and return it to its rightful spot here in Maryland!

That's all for now. Hope to see you all soon!

FROM THE EO

By: Dad England

MEMBERSHIP

This has been a slow year for Maryland DeMolay membership. We have taken in just 18 new members this year and have lost 49 members to majority. Maryland DeMolay needs YOU now more than ever before to build our membership base by recruiting your friends to join DeMolay.



We have initiated a number of new incentive programs. Please see the

details in this newsletter.

\$\$ KACH ESSAY CONTEST \$\$

The topic for this year's Kach Essay Contest is "Cardinal Virtues...too many, too few". Maryland has added a new twist to the contest this year. In addition to essays being entered in the Regional and National contest, we in Maryland will select one winner from each age group to receive \$200. All entries received will then be forwarded to the Region for judging, where the winner in the Region will receive \$300. The national winner in each age group will receive \$1200. Just think

YOU have the potential to win \$1700 to do with as you choose.

See details in this newsletter. All entries must be **RECEIVED** at the PO Box no later than February 1, 2007.

MARYLAND DEMOLAY CONGRESS

The Annual Congress Weekend will be held at Camp Round Meadow in the Catoctin Mountains on March 23-25, 2007. Plan now to attend this great weekend of learning and brotherhood. Again this year our brothers from other jurisdictions will be joining us. Mark your calendar!

CATONSVILLE CHAPTER HAPENINGS

By Dad Reich

Catonsville Chapter has initiated eight new members in 2006 and hopes to continue into 2007.

The chapter held their Annual Holiday Party in December 17th. Twenty two underprivileged children attended and received gifts from Santa Claus.

The Installation of Officers will be held on January 21 at 2:00 p.m. Luke McCormick will be installed as Master

Councilor, Adam Linder as Senior Councilor and Andrew Gale as Junior Councilor. All are invited for refreshments followed by the installation at 3:00.

Senior members of the chapter performed the DeMolay Degree on December 5.

We will be selling Joe Corbie's pizza kits in January. Always a great meal

after shoveling snow! Call any member to order yours.

February 23rd will be a Soup and Salad Dinner fundraiser. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and costs \$5.00, followed by bingo at 7:30 for \$10.00. If you attend both it will only be \$12.00. Prizes to be determined. Soft drinks and baked goods available for purchase, too.

Hope to see you at one of our events!

NELSON J. BRIGGS INSTALLATION

By: Dad Bonchu

NELSON J. BRIGGS CHAPTER

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO IT'S 4th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & 103rd PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 27, 2007, 3:00PM
MT. ARARAT MASONIC TEMPLE
136 E. GORDON STREET
BEL AIR, MARYLAND 21015

ELECTED OFFICERS

BRYAN HILL
MASTER COUNCILOR

AUSTIN E. JAMES
SENIOR COUNCILOR

ERIC ROEHSNER
JUNIOR COUNCILOR

Come join us as we celebrate the installation of new officers. Meet our chapter sweetheart. Watch our young men at work. Meet our Advisory Group.

Find out where we were, where we are and where we are going.
R.S.V.P. "Dad" Russ Bonchu (410) 515-0271

WE NEED SWEETHEARTS! (CHAPTER, THAT IS)

By Mom Reinhardt

Does your Chapter have a Sweetheart? If so, now is the time to make sure she knows about the State Sweetheart Ball.

Each Chapter Sweetheart will be introduced along with any Past State Sweetheart's present. In addition, the current State Sweetheart, Andrea McGraw, would appreciate help from Chapter Sweethearts in preparing for the Ball.



This year's State Sweetheart Ball is going to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Boumi Temple.

Make sure you give this article to your Chapter Sweetheart and put the Sweetheart Ball on your Chapter calendar.

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's Conclave Sweetheart Program either.

Any Chapter Sweetheart who is sixteen years old (by Conclave) is eligible to run for State Sweetheart. Your

Chapter can also sponsor girl's who are not the Chapter Sweetheart to compete.

Each Chapter can sponsor up to two girls. Girls who are not interested in running for State Sweetheart are also welcome to attend our Conclave as long as they have chaperones.

If we have more girls attending Conclave, we will be able to have more activities for them to enjoy. Start talking about Conclave now. Any interested girls can contact me for further information at 301-668-5833.

Mom Terri Almacy, State Sweetheart Coordinator

KACH ESSAY 2007

By Demolay International

The Paul R. Kach Essay Competition awards \$300 to each Region winner (2 from each of the 8 regions) and \$1200 for the national winner. (2 national winners) For the two national winners, their combined winnings are \$1500 each!

The contest has two categories; the first is for 11th grade and above and the 2nd for 10th grade and below.

All essays must be 1000 - 1500 words and be received by the Executive Officer no later than February 1, 2007

KACH ESSAY THEME

"Cardinal Virtues...too many, too few"

When you became a member of DeMolay you were instructed on the Seven Cardinal Virtues of the Order set in 1919 and remain today.

Times have change since our founding. Should we change our Cardinal Virtues? Should we eliminate one, add one, or change any?

The choice is **yours**, explain to us if you would change, delete, or add any Cardinal Virtues today that would shape the members of DeMolay for years to come and why?

(see Rules on DeMolay.org)

BUILDERS AWARD

By Dad Eppig

The Executive Officer will present the first "Maryland DeMolay Membership Builders Award" this year.

During Conclave 2006, Dad England announced new membership incentives. They include this new award.

This is a medallion that is given when you are the first line signer of two petitions.

It is worn around the neck of the recipient.

Brother David Speck of Frederick Chapter and Brother Alex Paddock of Catonsville Chapter both earned this award, and will be presented to them at their next Chapter Installation.

When Brother Speck brings in one more new member and Brother Paddock two

more new members, they will reach the next level and will receive an MP3 player.

They will also receive the Founders Membership Award. Good luck brethren, and keep building DeMolay!

If you can not remember the incentives, turn to page 8 and read the complete list.



Maryland DeMOLAY
CONGRESS 2007



REGISTRATION FORM

MARCH 23-25, 2007

Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park
(near Thurmont, Maryland)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Chapter: _____ Years in DeMolay: _____

Highest Office Held: _____

Attended Congress before: Yes/ No

Representative DeMolay: Yes / No

T -shirt Size: S M L XL

(Please circle)

Please send completed Registration form and the \$60.00
registration fee (make checks out to MSADC with the note
UDMC 2007) to:

M.S.A.D.C
PO BOX 724
REISTERSTOWN, MD. 21136

Please complete release form on the back of this
Registration forms must be received by March 12, 2007.
Late applications will not be accepted.

MEDICAL HISTORY AND RELEASE FORM

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____

**Participants INDEMNIFICATION (REQUIRED
OF ALL PARTICIPANTS)**

I hereby promise to conduct myself in a responsible manner and abide by the DeMolay rules and regulations remembering that the future welfare of the Order of DeMolay is in my hands and to follow all of the rules and regulations for this DeMolay event. If I do not abide by this promise, I will be subject to being returned home immediately at my own expense.

In consideration of the DeMolay staff, I shall indemnify and hold DeMolay International, all affiliated organizations, and the DeMolay staff harmless from and against any and all penalties, losses, costs, damages, suits, judgments, claims, demands, expenses, and liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of or In connection with my attendance at this DeMolay event.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

The DeMolay staff should be aware that this participant has experienced health problems with (please list all medical problems and medications being taken): _____

Name of Medical Insurance Company: _____

Medical Insurance Policy Number: _____

Name of Family Physician: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Physician Address/City/State: _____

In case of emergency, contact (name): _____ Phone: (____) _____

Contact Address/City/State: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION & MEDICAL RELEASE (for all under 18 years of age)

As the parent of, Legal Guardian of the participant named above. I hereby give my permission for the DeMolay Staff to enter the above named participant into a hospital of their choosing. They may also obtain medical attention or treatment by a physician, if in their opinion, the above named participant needs medical attention or treatment.

I also agree, upon notification from the DeMolay Staff, to pick up the above named participant, if in the opinion of the DeMolay Staff, it is necessary that he/she be removed from the site of this DeMolay event.

In addition, I agree on behalf of the above named participant, that his/her room may be entered if it is deemed necessary by the DeMolay Staff.

In consideration of the DeMolay staff, I shall indemnify and hold DeMolay International, all affiliated organizations, and the DeMolay staff harmless from and against any and all penalties, losses, costs, damages, suits, judgments, claims, demands, expenses, and liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of or In connection with above named participant's attendance at this DeMolay event.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
2/10/2007	Joint Youth Dance & Prospect Party This event is to be held with Rainbow and Job's Daughters; prospects will get in for free	Boumi Temple, Rosedale, MD
2/17/2007	State Degree Class & Pool Tournament	Frederick, MD
3/9/2007 - 3/11/2007	UDMC/Congress Catocin State Park	Thurmont, MD
3/31/2007	DeMolay State Sweetheart Ball	Boumi Temple, Rosedale, MD
3/23/2007 - 3/26/2007	Rainbow Grand Assembly	Hunt Valley, MD
4/14/2007	Job' Daughters Spring Banquet	Boumi Temple, Rosedale, MD
4/21/2007	State-wide Camping Night	TBD
5/10/2007 - 5/13/2007	Job's Daughters Grand Session	Ocean City, MD
5/12/2007	Beach big ball or volleyball game (w/ Job's Daughters)	Ocean City, MD
6/2/2007	State Degree Class & Mini Golf	Catonsville, MD
7/27/2007 - 7/29/2007	Annual Conclave Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD

For information about these events, contact Thomas Reinhardt, SMC at 240-446-6955 or 301-668-5833 or email at marylandsmc@yahoo.com

RITUAL DATES FOR 2007

By Dad Watson

It is that time of the year when your chapter should be preparing for ritual competition.

As In years passed, we will send a Ritual Judging Team to each chapter to judge "Chapter Proficiency" Judges should arrive before 7:30PM and your chapter should be ready to compete at that time.

If the judges are not at your chapter at 7:30PM, (this usually is do to traffic

conditions) we recommend that the chapter start it's business meeting in a informal manor and when the judges arrive we can begin the judging.

April 25 - Berlin
May 09 - Nelson J. Briggs
May 15 - Catonsville
May 16 - Salisbury
May 21 - Chesapeake
May 22 - Frederick
May 23 - Cumberland

If there is a conflict with these dates please let me know by March 25th, at: beldar@cavtel.net

At this time we are looking into having a "Ritual Competition Day" on June 23 at the Grand Lodge.

If you feel your chapter is not ready for competition, the judges still would like to evaluate your chapter and give advice and suggestions to help you improve for next year.

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MARYLAND MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

RUNS FROM CONCLAVE 2006 TO CONCLAVE 2007

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If a prospect is joining DeMolay and brings a friend with him to join (at the same time), the prospect's membership fee is refunded.

Maryland DeMolay Membership Builders Award - Medallion

This will be given to any member who is the First Line Signer on two (2) petitions.

Free Congress

For every petition on which a DeMolay is first line signer between Conclave and Congress, the DeMolay's name will be entered in a drawing. The name drawn will receive a free Congress registration.

MP3 Player

The first five (5) members to be First Line Signer on five (5) petitions between Conclave 2006 and Conclave 2007 will receive an MP3 Player.

X-Box 360

The first member to be First Line Signer on ten (10) petitions between Conclave 2006 and Conclave 2007 will receive a X-Box 360.

27" TV

The Chapter that accumulates the most points from Conclave 2006 to Conclave 2007 will win a 27" TV. The points are awarded for the following:

POINT SYSTEM

5 points for each new member

20 points for each prospect / new members party held

3 extra point for each new members as a result of a prospect / new member party.

This point system allows all chapters to have a chance. The more your chapter works the more points you earn.

Cut the State Master Councilor's hair!

If Maryland DeMolay initiates 100 new members between Conclave 2006 and Conclave 2007 the State Master Councilor will get a hair cut by the members.