



NEWSette

Georgia DeMolay State Parents' Club

August/September 2002

From the SPC Coordinator

Conclave 2002 was a huge success. Accolades to the planning team who spent many long hours preparing so that all could enjoy the event. Their hard work and dedication to Georgia DeMolay has not gone unnoticed. This years Conclave has been termed by many as the "Best Ever"

Congratulations to Justin Nobles and his fine slate of officers for a great term. Although Justin's term as SMC has come to an end, Justin has made it clear that his desire to be of service to Georgia DeMolay has not ended and he will be here to assist where ever he is needed for a long time yet.

Best wishes to our new SMC, Mike Riley and his team of state officers. A full listing of the state officers is listed on page 4.

Sunday morning awards at Conclave are an exciting time with many presentations, including the State Parents Club awards. Two NEWSette awards are awarded each year. Mountain Park Chapter received the *Newsiest Chapter Award* for being the Chapter with the most articles submitted and the *Golden Pen Award* went to Mom Linetta Foster of Mountain Park for being the individual with the most articles submitted.

As always the *Scrapbook Competition* was a hit with all attending. Everyone enjoys looking back over the year's activities. The participants did a great job capturing the past years' events. Those memories will be preserved for years to come in their scrapbook. Congratulations to Clayton Chapter which took first place and Mountain Park which was awarded second place in this competition.

We have many fine Parents' Clubs throughout our state but one club was recognized by being named *Parents' Club of the Year* for the outstanding efforts that they put forth in support of their chapter. Clayton Chapter Parents' Club, again for the third year in a row, took home that very special honor with second place going to Mountain Park Chapter. Congratulations!

A very special word of appreciation to Linda Carver, Margaret Lovas and Nancy Simmons who served as Parents' Club of the Year judges and to Janie Bohn, Linda Carver and Kelly Human who served as scrapbook judges. Thank you so much ladies for serving Georgia DeMolay by giving of your time.

The officers of the SPC do so much for Georgia DeMolay by serving in their various positions. I would like to take a moment to thank them personally for the jobs they do. Although Mom Povlot and Mom Bennett were unable to attend Conclave, I know they were with us in spirit. We missed you two ladies. Thanks! Rhonda, Cheryl, Sandra and Janie, I appreciate all you do for the SPC.

My many thanks to EACH of you who assisted in so many ways during the Conclave weekend. Thanks to Mom Kim May for our beautifully decorated tables at the Parents' Club/Sweetheart Breakfast, Mom Nancy Smith for filling Mom Rhonda Povlot's place for the JLPS meeting and presentations and all of you who assisted with the Trunk Store and Hospitality area.

Thank you all for all you do. Georgia DeMolay's SPC is the BEST!

In DeMolay service,

Mom Griggers

UPCOMING

Sep. 13-15, 2002

**Region III Meeting
for State Officers & Staff**

**Bradbury Suites Hotel
Atlanta, GA**

State Parents' Club is hosting Hospitality Suite
(Please see Page 3 for details)

From Clayton Chapter

Now where were we...? It has been such a busy summer for Clayton Chapter.

Our Installation and Dance were wonderful. Among the Installing officers were Alex's Uncles and Father. All are Past Master Councilors, RD's and Chevaliers.

Our first meeting in July fell on July 4th. Our Chapter met with Mountain Park Chapter for a morning meeting at their lodge and was later joined by members of Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter for an afternoon of picnicking, a laser show and fireworks at nearby Stone Mountain. All the sleepyheads were invited to campout at the Eells home afterwards. On July 18th, in observance of My Government Day, a group of our guys toured the State Capitol and made an unscheduled stop at the World of Coca-Cola. We returned to Rex Lodge for our regular meeting and were visited by several other chapters who joined us in watching a video about the State Capitol.

On August 8th, a group traveled to Middle Georgia to retrieve the traveling gavel. On August 10th we had a night just for fun at the new Fun Bowl in McDonough. While the brothers played Laser Tag, the parents and Advisors bowled (well one advisor used the excuse that someone needed to chaperone the boys and tagged along for Laser Tag). On August 12th, several members attended the Piedmont Lodge #447 Youth Appreciation Night. We managed to hold on to the Gavel until our meeting on the 15th of August. On that night, we crowned our new Sweetheart, Meagan Rambler and among the visitors, was Meagan's cousin Kim Lance Sproull who is a past Clayton Chapter Sweetheart and a past State Sweetheart. Several chapters visited, but the gavel went home with Samuel S. Lawrence. We hit the road again August 21st to get the gavel from Mountain Park Chapter. While we were there, we passed off the Gold Brick. For those interested in claiming the gavel we meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month ...Y'all Come!

The State Master Councilor's Reception was a great success and we are very proud of Amanda, Alex and Michael. We did miss Mom Griggers who injured her finger Saturday morning and was not up to the trip. This may be the first activity we have had without her.

All in all..... an incredible summer!

Mom Sue Williams

"All work is as seed sown;
it grows and spreads, and sows itself anew."

-Thomas Carlyle

From Mountain Park Chapter

Well here it is the end of August already, school is back in full swing and Mountain Park had the traveling gavel for 48 hours. Our boys happily jumped into Dad Stovall's car and journeyed up to Samuel S Lawrence to claim the gavel on Monday night, only to be visited by Clayton Chapter two nights later when Clayton not only "stole the gavel" but also added insult to injury by dropping the brick. We are gassing up our cars and ready to roll, look out Georgia DeMolay our boys want "revenge".

We all had a great time at Conclave in July and the SMC reception on the 24th of August. Mt Park will be enjoying a day at Lake Lanier soon at the home of our newest member's Aunt. (He will not be the newest one for long; we had another petition read this week and just got two more to read next meeting.) The boys are working hard at membership and it shows.

You all are invited to our next meeting on September 4th when we will be crowning our new sweetheart. Don't ask us who that will be. There were two in the running and no one knows the outcome except the Master Councilor and Chapter Dad, who are keeping the secret well. Come join us and we will all find out together.

See you soon,
Mom Cindy Eells

Happy Labor Day



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Region III Conference

September 13 - 15, 2002

Georgia DeMolay is hosting this years Region III Conference and our State Parents Club has been asked to host a Hospitality Suite for this event. This Conference will be attended by the Executive Officers and State Staff as well as State Officers from the seven south-eastern states that comprise Region III. In addition to offering refreshments, we will have the Trunk Store open for shopping.

The Hospitality Suite will be open from 6:00 - 11:00 PM on Friday and again from 9:30 AM - 11:00 PM on Saturday.

If you are available to assist by working a shift during these hours please let Mom Griggers know by September 8th. Your help is most appreciated!

Senior DeMolay Begin Their Masonic Journey

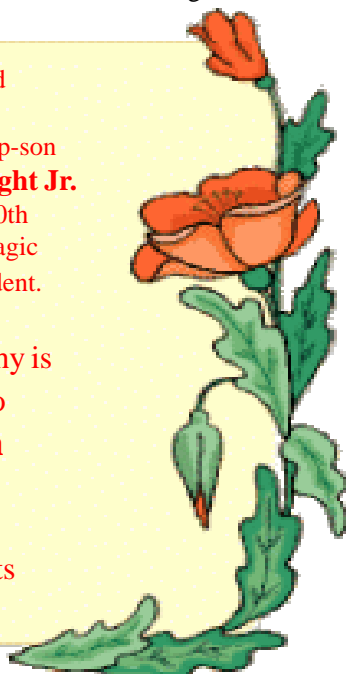
(submitted by Mom Cheryl Bennett)

Congratulations to Perry Bennett on receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on August 24, 2002 at Nelms Lodge in Smyrna. His Fellow Craft Degree will be held September 14th and he will be raised as a Master Mason on September 28th.

Congratulations to Adam Roof as well. Adam will be receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on September 19, 2002 at Mountain Park Lodge. Way to go guys! We are very proud of the decisions you've made to further your knowledge in becoming Master Masons. If you are in good standing with your Lodge please support these gentlemen with your attendance at their degrees.

We are saddened
to learn that
Dad Ed Roden's Step-son
David Bruce Wright Jr.
died on August 20th
as the result of a tragic
motorcycle accident.

Heartfelt Sympathy is
extended to
**The Roden
Family**
of
Don R. Roberts
Chapter



From Cecil Cheves Chapter

Out With The Old And In With The New

Well Conclave 2002 has come and gone and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brother Justin Nobles and his Officers for a great year. I encourage everyone to go online to gademolay.org or drop a line to Ga DeMolay to express your views on the new facilities and agenda. Only in doing so can every Conclave improve from year to year and statewide participation grow.

We would like to thank the 2002 Conclave Committee for the remembrance to Dad Jack Moody. He has been a great loss to us and your thoughts and prayers have been of great strength to his family. Mom Moody, who fell ill at Conclave, has taken some time off to recuperate and is feeling better. Mom Vinson, who has been ill since July 1st has a long road to go but is also feeling better and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

We would like to Congratulate Brother Mikey Riley for being elected and installed as State Master Councilor for 2002-2003. You and your officers have our 110% support. We are very proud of our own Brother Julius Moody for being elected State Junior Councilor in spite of entering the competition handicapped (sprained ankle from a school incident the day before Conclave).

We enjoyed the State Master Councilors Reception this past weekend and commend Middle Georgia Chapter for a bountiful feast. One of the best statements that I heard was made by Dad Bohn who said, "They call these cars antiques, I remember when I bought one new." Careful Dad, I resemble that subject. But think of this, had we not destroyed them, no one could restore them and call them antiques. They would just be like their Old Drivers, OLD CARS. I must apologize that with the assistance of my cleaners, I changed the dress code for the State Chapter Dad from Black Tie: TUX, to Black Tie: Tux with Khaki pants. I told Brother Mikey at least I didn't have just my khaki shorts that I was wearing at home before leaving.

It is good to hear that the Traveling gavel is HOTTER than Ted Williams' cryogenic lab coat. I hope that petitions are changing hands as rapidly as well.

We are preparing for our Installation of Officers in September, (date not yet set) and Beach weekend September 27-29th.

Until next month..... We'll see ya on the road.

Dad Gary T. Vinson, Sr.

From Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter

Hi Everyone!

Samuel S. Lawrence has had a very busy summer. We participated in the 4th of July Parade for the city of Marietta, some attended GA Rainbow Grand Assembly, had an awesome Conclave, installed Geoff Bard as our new MC, had an incredible reception and dance afterward, some of our guys went rafting with Knighthood, had an initiation for Jimmy Weems, had a fundraiser with Carl Black GMC and went to Mikey's SMC reception! Good Gosh!!! No wonder everyone is wore out!! (Well-everyone but me. I've had more rest than should be legal.) More on that matter later in my article.

Mikey, what an awesome location for the State Master Councilors Reception! You have a wonderful slate of State Officers to work with. And you have a beautiful State Sweetheart too!! We look forward to an incredible year ahead! You have our support to the fullest.

Our MC Geoff Bard has a lot of great plans for his term. No doubt, he will have a successful term with his team of Officers. We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on October 11th. I'm not sure of the price, but I'm sure it will be in everyone's budget. The Parents Club will be hosting the Silent Auction as a fundraiser. So please put this on your calendar! We would love to have a HUGE crowd!! Also, if you would like to donate

something for the Silent Auction we would be more than happy for you to do so. Please contact me at (770) 924-7225 if you can donate anything.(Brownie points and hugs for all that donate) It will be lots of fun if all of you are there!!

It was great to hear that Mom Vinson was able to be at the SMC reception. We're glad you're feeling better Mom! Also, great to hear that Dad "T" was at Conclave. Our prayers go out to Dad Roden in the loss of his stepson. Our hearts are with you in this time of need.

Now on a personal note, thank you to everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and visits. As most of you know, I couldn't attend Conclave this year due to a fractured left hip. The many calls during Conclave were most appreciated! The day that Perry left for Conclave without Jodie and I just broke my heart. You see my friends, I consider you all not just friends and acquaintances, ya'll are part of my family and part of my heart. I look forward to each State event to see and talk to you. Plus, I knew that this Conclave would be a very special Conclave for my son. So to say the least I was crushed that I couldn't be there. Those of you that called and kept me informed of the events really helped boost my spirits and I am eternally grateful.

In DeMolay love and friendship,

Mom Cheryl Bennett

Congratulations to the New Georgia DeMolay State Officers

State Master Councilor

Michael A. Riley

Middle Georgia Chapter

State Sweetheart

Amanda Cartledge

Clayton Chapter

State Chapter Dad

Gary T. Vinson, Sr.

Cecil Cheves Chapter

State Chaplain

H. Alexander Williams, IV

Clayton Chapter

State Junior Councilor

Julius K. Moody, III

Cecil Cheves Chapter

State Junior Deacon

Robert R. Warr, III

Augusta Chapter

State Marshal

Craig Miller

Augusta Chapter

State Senior Councilor

Christopher G. Eells

Mountain Park Chapter

State Senior Deacon

Michael S. Griggers

Clayton Chapter

State Senior Steward

Marcos de los Santos

Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter

"Remembering the Past While Driving Toward the Future"



In Memory Of 9-11-01

Never Forget

**I'll never forget that awful day
When our world turned upside down
The stunning blow that shook us all
It could happen in any town.**

**Our lives are changed forever
Caution leads the way
We're wary now and careful
No, we shall never forget that day.**

**We used to be so impatient
As we hurried from place to place
But now we patiently wait our turn
With a smile upon our face.**

**We'll never forget those we lost
In our hearts they will remain
They sacrificed for all of us
And they did not die in vain.**

**So never forget that awful day
And how it changed us all
Coming together with care and love
One nation...standing proud and tall.**

Charlotte Anselmo