

Word of the Day

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State Master Councilor Julius K. Moody, 111 - Editor

From The East

Brethren,

By the time you will have read this Spring Jam would have come and gone. I hope that everyone had a wonderful weekend filled with brotherhood. Now that we are in the last few months to Conclave, I want to encourage everyone to keep checking the calendar. We have many fun filled events coming up. I would also like to congratulate all the new members and thank all those that were involved in the Grand Masters Class for their hard work. Also remember to "Let Georgia DeMolay Shine" as is has all year.

Fraternally,

Julius K Moody
State Master Councilor

From the West

The foundations of our order, which were presented to us by our founders, were the candles, representing the cardinal virtues of our order, the Bible, representing our common belief in a Supreme Being, and the schoolbooks, which represent our intellectual foundation built upon education. Though all of these have their equal importance, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on the importance of education. We all have the tendency to take education for granted because of a temporary skew in our priorities; however, it is that *free* education that distinguishes us as the primary super power of the world. Many youth today take this for granted because it is guaranteed to us. Consider this: when you do something as simple as walking up the stairs, though it is effortless, you subconsciously take great pains to make sure you do this task correctly because you know that if you don't, you might fall. The same holds true for education: even though knowledge is so readily accessible in our great nation, if you neglect to 'watch your step,' you set yourself up to fall before you reach the top.

This is not to say that basic education is the only way in which we learn; on the contrary, extracurricular activities, the fine arts, and sports all have there place in the grand scheme of things. DeMolay, for instance, furthers education with the use of leadership academies that are invaluable to one's basic social skill repertoire no matter what path you choose. These activities are important to the enrichment of all of our lives, but must be built off of the foundation of our basic education.

However, I am compelled to leave you with one final thought: it is not just the acquisition of knowledge that is important, but also the application thereof. You must be involved in your educational experience, and, when the time is right, you must utilize it to your best ability.

Michael S. Griggers

Event sponsored by State Sweetheart and all chapters Sweetheart's

Place and time to be announced

**JULY 2, 2005
For
J.L.P.S.**

From the South

Brethren,

Wow, what a year! It is hard to believe we are in April already with Spring Jam just around the corner with International, Grand Assembly, and Conclave to follow Spring Jam. But for this issue, I want to focus on the duty, which I have been given, education. We have made significant progress in Education during the last few months. Recently, I conducted an LCC work night at Mountain Park Chapter, and they completed a total of ten LCC's. I have contacted many of the local Master Councilors in the state to schedule a work night at their chapter as well. So far, I have one scheduled for Middle Georgia and Samuel S. Lawrence in May. I will be contacting every chapter Master Councilor at a chapter, which I have not yet held a class. My goal for the second half of this year was fifty LCC's completed statewide. We are certainly on our way to that goal. I will make a presentation at Conclave to the Chapter with the most LCC's for the year.

The Representative DeMolay or RD is another one of DeMolay's educational programs, in addition to being the highest self-achievement award attainable and the award that Dad Land said should be goal of every DeMolay to earn. Whereas the LCC teaches the member about DeMolay, the RD teaches the member about himself, where you stand in your development as a young man, where your strengths and weaknesses lie. At first the form may seem daunting, but if you work at it just 15-20 minutes each night you will have it completed in less than two weeks. Too often this is looked upon only as requirement to become a State Officer, but the program has so much to offer that to look at it in that light really diminishes the value of the program and lessens the DeMolay experience for those who do not seek to attain this award. If you need help with any of the questions, I am always reachable by e-mail, gbard@gademolay.org, and will be happy to help.

Geoffrey S. Bard

Chapter meeting:

Augusta Chapter	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays
Cecil Cheves Chapter	1 st and 3 rd Thursday
Clayton Chapter	1 st and 3 rd Thursday
Don R Roberts Chapter	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday
Middle Georgia Chapter	2 nd and 4 th Thursday
Mountain Park Chapter	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday
Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter	1 st and 3 rd Monday

Georgia DeMolay,

The time has come once again for us to send out a copy of the Word of the Day. A joyous moment in your life where you rush to GDO and anxiously await reading the great truths that we will share with you all through our articles... Ok maybe not. However, there is indeed a new issue of the Word of the Day, and you are indeed interested enough in reading it to be seeing this article right now. Good work!

The theme for my article this month is quality program planning. I have had the pleasure lately to be traveling a little bit, and expect that I will be getting out even more with summer rapidly approaching. During these travels I have spoken to many of you all who express concerns about the direction of our great fraternity. The answer is that we all, as individual members of our chapters, hold the key to victory or defeat of DeMolay. If we come together in our chapters and have good programs our chapters and fraternity will find unprecedented success. Years from now we will have the opportunity to say, "Back when I was a DeMolay we reversed the trend of negative membership." Think about this for a moment, WE solved the problem.

I hope this idea has you as excited as it does me. I think that the solution is at hand, and that we as members of Georgia DeMolay have the obligation to stand up and take charge of our chapters, our state, and our fraternity by planning good quality events that we can enjoy ourselves at, and bring our friends to. I once heard that DeMolay gives us all the chance to put in as much as we would like. It is important to remember that many hands make light work. Let's come together now, choose this moment as ours, and begin walking forward, never to look back again.

Fraternally,
Richard W. Eells, II
Your State Marshal

Every Master Councilor going into office should apply for the PMC-MSA award; here are a couple of good reasons.

1. It's free
2. It's gold
3. If you earn it, it makes you stand out
It's a good challenge
4. All you have to do to earn this award is fill out a letter of intent that's easy you filed one out to become Master Councilor here is the other things that you do
 - a. Memorize the opening and closing that is easy you heard every since you got imitated into this order so some of it had to stick with you
 - b. Get a term calendar you do that any way
 - c. Copy it so your members know what's going on and sends a copy with the letter of intent
 - d. Try to get six new members in that is a good challenge make you chapter bigger and not only can you use that in the MSA that earns you points to get chapter of the year and so does the calendar because that is apart of program planning
 - e. These are not the only requirements, Check your Leader's Resource GuideThen do something social, have some prospects come over R Rainbows, Masons' and Eastern Star and of course DEMOLAYS a nice little shindig. Civic service is easy participating in a park clean up or does something for your community.

John Harris , State Senior Steward