

Word of the Day

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From The East

Brethren,

I want to take a minute to talk about forgiveness, and giving people a second chance. Has there ever been a person that you disliked and possibly talked about? Did you make them feel bad or unwanted? Did you ever give them a second chance and saw who they really were?

Well I had the opportunity a few weeks ago to do just that. I am not going to mention any names but I had to spend a Saturday with someone who at first I really didn't like. I was told to be nice and give them another chance, and I did just that. After humbling myself and seeing him for who he really was I realized that he wasn't such a bad guy. After doing that the rest of the day turned out to be really great.

What I am trying to say is that if there is someone that you don't really like, maybe in your chapter, or school, or just close to you, then give them another chance. Go somewhere and hang out with them outside of the normal setting that you see them in so that you can see the real them. Who knows you may form a lasting friendship, but you will also learn one of life's greatest lessons, forgiveness.

Fraternally,

Julius Moody
State Master Councilor

From the South

Brethren,

I was glad to see everyone at Spring Jam. It was a weekend of fun and fellowship, and I congratulate all of the winning chapters. As most of you know, we had a little incident occur at Spring Jam. This incident involved some things that were missing, as we were packing and getting ready to leave. Of course, suspicions were immediately raised that one of our brothers was a thief. Thievery is something which I have never worried about at any DeMolay function, anywhere in my five years as a member. Thankfully, as it turned out, nothing was stolen, just misplaced.

What lessons should we learn from this episode? First, if you bring something to an event, you are responsible for it. If you think it might tempt someone to take it, then don't bring it. Second, one of our cardinal virtues is fidelity, and I believe that line in the ritual asserts, "fidelity to your ideals, to your country, to your obligations, and especially to your brethren of this order." We are all called to be loyal DeMolay's in every way. I believe as we have all pledged ourselves to be faithful brothers, so we should be very cautious about raising questions as to whether or not something has been taken from us at an event.

We have many events coming up in the next few months, the Clayton Campout, the SSL Raft trip, and the biggest of all...Conclave. There is a lot to be excited about that is happening in Georgia DeMolay, so get involve and have some fun! I am looking forward to these events and hope to see many of my brethren from around the state in attendance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Geoff Bard
State Junior Councilor

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Place and time to be announced
JUNE 12, 2005

For
J.L.P.S.

TO BE HELD AT THE MASON
CHILDREN HOME

Georgia DeMolay,

It is that time of the moth for another *Word of the Day*. This month I am writing on the wonderful topic of quality programming. For a chapter to truly succeed they must have quality program planning. Whether the event is something as simple as a picnic or as complex as a fund-raiser, without quality program planning the event will not be as successful as it could be.

Asking yourself as you plan an event a few simple questions will allow your event to run smother, come across cleaner and allow those present to feel as if our Organization is truly one they want to be involved with. You want to make sure you have easy to read directions to the event, you want to make sure that you have an idea of the time each section of the event should take, you want to be sure that you have all the necessary materials for the event, and lastly you want to double check that you have informed all the people what the plans for the event are. These questions may seem a little goofy, but they will without doubt make your events run smoother.

Your State Marshal

Richard W. Eells, II

There was a time when Don R. Roberts was one of the smallest chapter in the state (that was still active). Knowing this I sat down with my advisory council and we set up a team that would “ Kill two birds with one stone” they would: Get our chapter’s name out to the Masonic lodges and it would also possibly get us more members. This team was called the “ DeMolay Awareness Team” a.k.a the “D.A.T.” team. The team consisted of one or two guys and a advisor and we went to the Masonic lodges and I would give the Ceremony Of Lights and then my advisor would follow with talking to the lodges about what DeMolay is and how it has helped the people that were involved with it. This team has really helped my chapter out greatly it got us 7 new guys which pretty much rebuilt my chapter. I write all of this to let you guys know that no matter how small your chapter get there is still hope, and I hope all of you who read this article will take into consideration about implementing this program into your chapter.

**Kyle Corwin
State Chaplin**

Chapter meeting:

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