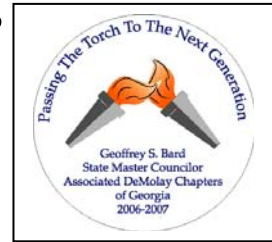


Georgia DeMolay State Officer's Word of the Day

September, 2006



From the East

Geoff Bard

State Master Councilor

Hello Everyone!

Once again, we have all been very active this month with a series of events. Firstly, I want to thank everyone who attended the SMC Reception this past weekend. I thought it was a great success, and it would not have been that way if you all had not attended. I know I have thanked them time after time, but I want to thank the SSL Parents Club once again. They went above and beyond the call of duty, and this event would not have succeeded if it were not for their dedication. It was also great to see everyone at the Peachtree City Installation. The groups of guys down there are certainly unique, and I look forward to them continuing their success and possibly receiving their Letters Temporary this year.

In my Sunday Morning Speech, I outlined a number of goals. One of these goals was to promote better program planning among the chapters. These goals included programs which I wanted to institute; among those was a Chapter of Excellence Program to replace the current Chapter of the Year Program. I possessed four goals when I thought about this program, to make a program less complex than the current Chapter of the Year Program, to devise a program that recognizes the many facets of DeMolay, and to create a program that is accessible to any chapter, regardless of size, and a program to help chapters plan their years in order to help Georgia DeMolay, themselves, and their members grow and prosper in DeMolay. I am proud to say that the State Officers drafted a Chapter of Excellence Program that was ratified

by the Executive Officer's Steering Committee. The program is less complex in that it only requires minimal paperwork submission, unlike the current program. The Chapter of Excellence possesses objective criteria that are not vague or ambiguous. It recognizes the many achievements of DeMolay such as Membership, Ritual, and Education. The program we created is accessible to EVERY chapter. Hopefully, it will encourage the stronger chapters to stay on top of their game and offer the smaller chapters goals for which to strive. The program possesses nine criteria with two levels of the award, a silver level and a gold level. To qualify as a Silver Level Chapter of Excellence a chapter must meet five out of the nine criteria, with membership as a mandatory category. To qualify as gold level Chapter of Excellence, a chapter must meet eight of the nine criteria, with membership as a mandatory category. That is just a basic outline of the new program. It will be available on Georgia DeMolay Online very soon, so feel free to check it out and send any comments to me about it at gbard@gademolay.org.

Once again, it is a pleasure to serve as your State Master Councilor this year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed this year thus far. I look forward to seeing all of you again at one of my favorite events later this month-Beach Weekend. In light of the fourth candle,
Geoff Bard

Remember to Save those Pennies



For the Shriners Hospitals

From the West

Richard Eells
State Senior Councilor

Hello Georgia DeMolay!

The new membership program is up and running on GDO. Every chapter who would like to enter the world series of Membership needs to send an E-Mail with their logo and also report any new members to membership@gademolay.org Only new members reported through membership@gademolay.org will be counted toward the membership program! Remember all the braves' tickets are still up for grabs!

DeMolay International announced their fall membership campaign ending on December 31st 2006 at midnight. DeMolay International's membership program, running along side World Series of Membership, Jacques Ball has prizes from an autographed DeMolay baseball to a \$1,000 scholarship! Make sure to check out the last page of the Word of the Day for the announcement!

Looking forward to a great membership year and being able to commend the state on positive growth.

Your SSC,

Richard W Eells, II

Upcoming Events

September 29 – Oct 1 Cecil Cheves Beach Weekend. Postmark deadline. Sept 20. See GDO for Detail

Oct 7. Sand Pit Degree Troupeville, GA.

Oct 14. Middle GA. Paintball Day, Contact Dad Chuck Hannah or Shane Del Solar

Oct 21-29 NASCAR Week, Contact Dad Jim Stovall

If you have a chapter event that you would like to have listed here please e-mail it to me-Geoff

From the South

Todd Stovall
State Junior Councilor

Brethren

I would like to first say that there has been an exciting jump in the enthusiasm around the state in the way of education. I'm very pleased that this is occurring. We are privileged this year that we are going to be doing another ritual school of instruction. This will be taking place at the DeMolay fall senate this November. We will be going over a couple things; first we will discuss how the initiatory degree should be performed. also we will be having a help session for the Representative DeMolay. These things are a necessary part of DeMolay and we will be expanding upon them. not to mention this will be an open discussion so any new or old ideas are welcome. thank you very much for your time.

In Light of the Fourth,
Todd A. Stovall
State Junior Councilor

Visitations help build brotherhood!

Chapter Meeting Days

Cecil Cheves, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 2PM

Clayton Chapter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7 PM

Don R. Roberts, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7 PM

Middle Georgia, 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:30 PM

Mountain Park, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7 PM

Panthersville, 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM

Peachtree City, 2nd and 4th Mondays 7 PM

Samuel S. Lawrence, 1st and 3rd Mondays 7 PM

State Chapter Dad

Dad Stovall

Greetings from Dad Stovall. I thought I would write a note to outline my plans as State Chapter Dad.

A key part of my plans for this year is to remember that this is a young man's organization, and is supposed to be run by the young men in order to accomplish the goals of the young men of the fraternity. With that in mind, I ask myself "What is my role?"

Well, as State Chapter Dad, I am the primary advisor for the State Officers of Georgia DeMolay. Therefore, I will be an advisor to this group of young men in much the same manner that I have helped advise the members of Mountain Park Chapter for the last four years. However, the State Officers are a special group that the other DeMolays:

- Look up to
- Expect them to lead the way in making Georgia DeMolay bigger and better

Therefore, the State Chapter Dad's responsibilities include:

- Helping establish goals for the year
- Helping to define the tasks that will allow us to accomplish those goals
- Assigning responsibility and completion dates for the tasks
- Ensuring that each State Officer assigned a task has the skills to complete that task
- Last, and most importantly, nagging each State Officer until the task is completed

I expect to hear a lot of this year "Dad Stovall, if I get this done, will you leave me alone?" And the answer to that is "Of course." However, with the fine group of officers that we have this year, I don't really expect to do much nagging.

I do want to encourage all DeMolays, Advisors, Sweethearts, and Parents' Club members to actively let the State Officers know what they would like to see Georgia DeMolay do this year, whether it is to continue how we have been doing things or to implement some, new radical plan. Let's hear from all of you!

State Senior Deacon

Peter Bard

Hey everyone

I am Peter Bard your State Senior Deacon, I want to tell you about a great award that you can give to your chapter called the Past Master Councilors Meritorious Service Award or (PMC-MSA). I have seen major success and growth of chapters using this award. Yet, the requirements for this award are stringent. A Master Councilor desiring this award has to offer,

Learn opening closing and both degrees
Hold all of the obligatory days
Hold a civic service event
Hold a Masonic service event
Initiate his pro rata of the membership quota which in Georgia is six members
Hold a chapter fundraiser
Hold an athletic event
Hold a social event
Conduct both degrees by memory

You must also send a letter of intent saying that you want this award and what you are going to do to get it to Georgia's PMC-MSA coordinator, Dad Al Cass. You must also send him your term plan, as well as distributing your term plan to all the members of your chapter. At the end of your term in office you must send him another letter saying what you did and how you did it.

In some jurisdictions this award is very common, but in Georgia this award is very rare. We have had three people awarded with this medal in the last two years. There were many members in the past to get the award but at the currently there are only three active members who have received the award. It is encouraged that Master Councilors should apply for this award.