

Georgia DeMolay State Officer's Word of the Day

November, 2006

From the East

Geoff Bard
State Master Councilor

Brethren,

What a very busy few weeks we have had. In October, we worked our annual NASCAR races at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. During that same time, the State Officers worked at the booth and farmers Market Dinner at Grand Lodge. After these past few weeks, I can truly say that Georgia DeMolay is alive and well.

Last weekend, we held the first of what I hope will become a tradition, we held the Georgia DeMolay Senate in Warner Robbins. Representatives from Mountain Park, Samuel S. Lawrence, Middle Georgia, Clayton, and Peachtree City convened to discuss issues confronting the state. All in all, I believe it was a productive day, and I was proud to observe the input that the members gave concerning state events and other issues.

In my last Word of the Day article, I announced the creation of a "Torchbearers Program." I am proud to announce the first recipients of this award. They are the members who contributed their time at NASCAR for the first time or helped out in a major way. The first recipients are:

Chris Somers,
Jake Somers,
Sean Snow,
Paul Hunt,
Bean Dip,
Dorian Ivie,
Jordan Clark,
Zach Ford,
Matthew Campisi,
Josh Holsenbeck,
Shane Del Solar.

I will be visiting the home chapters of these members to present their Torchbearer pins in the near future. If you believe I have missed anyone, please contact me, it was not intentional, and I could not be there all the time.

Holiday Formal is just around the corner. Please remember to save your change and bring it to Holiday Formal to be the first of two collections for the Shriners Hospitals. We are also planning state-wide degrees for Holiday Formal. If you have outstanding petitions or prospects waiting to join, then this is an immense opportunity to introduce them to DeMolay.

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

Remember to Save those Pennies



For the Shriners Hospitals

From the West

Richard Eells
State Senior Councilor

This is your official Georgia DeMolay World Series of Membership Ref, coming to you from membership headquarters. We are just 13 members away from reaching positive growth. This number may seem big to an individual chapter but working together Georgia DeMolay can overcome this small number and boost our numbers to new great heights! As the year comes to a close in the next two months there will be one final statewide push for membership, to be held at Kennesaw Lodge starting at 3:00PM in Marietta before the Holiday Formal on December 2, 2007, which will be just a short drive from the degrees at the Kennesaw Mountain Shrine Club. I look forward to welcoming all 13 needed members in this mass degree. Let's all work together to make this a year to remember in Georgia DeMolay's Membership! An update from the 1st base coach, Remember to check the Georgia DeMolay Online for the latest World Series of Membership stats, and don't forget those Atlanta Braves tickets are still up for grabs!

Till Next Time,

Richard W Eells, II

Your SSC

Upcoming Events

November 20, Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter
Thanksgiving dinner

December 2, Holiday Formal, Kennesaw
Mountain Shrine Club, 7 PM

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

My brothers

Today I want to talk with you about some really positive things I have been seeing around the state. Chapters are planning their own LCC and RD workshops this is something that really tells me what a great group we have.

You really are taking on the responsibilities that are required for this organization to carry on. Not only are you doing well with educating the DeMolays you are getting out and doing things for Masonic lodges such as the veterans day flag carrying that Clayton chapter did for Meridian Sun lodge.

You have been getting the name and face of DeMolay out in the community. Samuel S. Lawrence went out and had a canned food drive through the neighborhoods in the area. These types of things are nothing but positive examples of what DeMolay is doing and where we can go with whatever we want.

On the note of personal education, to the younger guys, don't be afraid to ask for help on any matter from your older brothers in your chapter. These young men have done a lot and probably know good ways to help you out. All in all guys I have been very excited about what I have seen around the state. This helps me to realize that DeMolay's future is in good hands.

God bless mother, God bless father, and God bless the purpose of DeMolay.

Todd Stovall
State Junior Councilor

State Senior Deacon

Peter Bard

Want to be recognized as one of the best Ritualists in Georgia DeMolay History? Well you can with the Ritualist Examination Board or (REB). We only had two certified ritualist in the past three years. Here is how it works, first you or one of your advisors must contact the coordinator of the REB, Dad Justin Nobles, to schedule a date and time for him to come to your chapter. There is a certain point system and levels the REB has. If you get 400 points, then you get certified as a Master Ritualist. With 275 points you get certified as a Senior Ritualist and if you get 150 point you will get certified as a Junior Ritualist. We only have three certified ritualists in the state who are currently active DeMolays. In the past we had many more than that. The details of the program can be found on GDO in the programs drop-down menu at the top of the home page. Becoming certified helps you improve your ritual capabilities, helps your chapter by encouraging strong ritualists within the chapter and helps the state by having ritualists available to help out other chapters and at statewide degrees. It is demanding but the satisfaction of being one of the best more than makes up for the work involved.

State Senior Steward

Donald Roberston

Greetings from your State Senior Steward! So far it's been a very busy and rewarding year. I'm glad to see that many of Geoff's programs have been implemented and are on their way to being the success he had hoped. I recently attended the Georgia Grand Lodge of Masons in Macon. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet and visit with the men who give so much to support Georgia DeMolay. Not only from a financial stand point, but also for the time and encouragement they show us. After talking with many of the Masons in attendance, It's clear to me that they recognize

State Junior Deacon

David Wellman

Hey everyone. I hope everyone's doing well. I would like to tell you how I plan a fun event. A fun event does not have to be anything mammoth. It could be as simple as going to a movie or hanging out at a chapter member's house for a night.

First you must replenish your funds. Have a fundraiser to earn y'all cash. Then buy some soda, chips and dip, and other necessities. After that, figure out where you want to go. Paintball is one of the many activities that are covered under our insurance and it is a great sport to get every member of your chapter engaged. Most places you go to may take a little bit of planning in advance. So whatever your desire, as far as fun events go, is I'm sure you'll find something to entertain the members of your chapter. I hope these tips have helped you out a bit. Have a happy thanksgiving. Eat up. Yum yum. Mmmmmm goooooood. Oh yeah. Amazing. Crisp and spicy. Sweet and tangy. Ok peace out!

State Senior Steward

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that we are the future of Masonry. And I for one look forward to moving on to the next level and one day sitting in Lodge with all of the fine gentlemen I've met in my years in DeMolay. I can only hope to be as much of an inspiration to the future DeMolay as these Masons have been to me.

I'd also like to thank the various Masonic districts and Lodges for all the food they prepared at the Masonic Farmer's Market. I had a wonderful time and encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend Grand Lodge to do so.